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Shamir backs deportations

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Despite a cacophony of international protests, warnings by Arab delegations that they might not show up for the resumption of peace talks in Washington, and the possibility of UN censure, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Sunday that Israel must deport 12 Palestinian activists, as an action "against those who encourage violence and terror."

In an hour-long meeting Sunday with Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, Shamir defended the deportation order, which was issued by Defence Minister Moshe Arens last Thursday, a day after the murder of a Jewish settler in the Gaza Strip.

O'Connor, who has traveled here to feel out the possibility of establishing Vatican ties with Israel, told reporters that when he asked about the deportations, he received Shamir's interpretation and had not pursued the matter further.

On Saturday night, Shamir gave the same explanation to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who placed a rare telephone call to the Israeli president to counsel him against the deportations.

The Egyptian leader said he was not "pressuring" the Israeli president but advising him to avoid placing obstacles in the path of the peace process.

Shamir pointed out in the telephone conversation that the 12 could appeal to the Israeli courts against their deportation. But the Israeli courts have rarely, if ever, overturned an expulsion order.

On Sunday, Mubarak received Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat in Cairo. It was the first meeting between the two since the Persian Gulf War, when they took opposing sides.

According to initial reports, they discussed Arab and world reactions to the Israeli decision. But Mubarak made a point of urging the Palestinian leader not to derail the peace talks, which were scheduled to resume Tuesday, because of the Israeli decision.

Arafat said at a news conference Sunday that the Palestinians had not yet decided whether to show up for the talks.

On Saturday, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan put off the departures of their delegations to Washington.

On Sunday night, the Israeli negotiators were preparing to depart on schedule, reversing the scenario that took place last month, when it was the Israelis who put off their arrivals because of disagreement over the Washington venue.

The assessment here in Jerusalem was that the talks would get under way following a UN Security Council debate — and possible condemnation — of the deportation orders.

The request for a debate on the floor of the Security Council is being presented by the non-aligned nations, at the behest of the PLO. So far, no draft resolution has been released.

But if an anti-Israel resolution is introduced, sources say Israel cannot rely on the United States to veto it.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department strongly condemned Israel for the decision to deport the Palestinians.

At a briefing Friday, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said, "We have urged Israel at the highest levels to reconsider and to rescind this decision."

At Sunday's Cabinet meeting, the decision to deport the 12 Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip was supported by Likud ministers. But it was criticized by the ministers of the far-right Moledet and Tehiya parties as "too little, too late."

These two parties also raised the political temperature by issuing another public threat to Shamir: that they would quit his coalition the moment the subject of autonomy for the Palestinians was discussed by the Cabinet, let alone during the peace talks.

SOLIDARITY VISIT

President Richard von Weizsaecker of Germany (left) was in Israel for a 24-hour visit to express solidarity with Israel. The visit was highlighted by both President Weizsaecker and Israeli President Chaim Herzog (right) co-sponsoring a concert in Jerusalem. The proceeds went towards helping new immigrants from Ethiopia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. [IPPA photo]

Court: Ross can preach but not allowed to teach

By
RON CSILLAG

MONCTON, N.B. —

Canadian Jewish Congress promises it will stick to Malcolm Ross "like flies to flypaper" in the face of last week's court ruling that upheld Ross's dismissal from his teaching post but allows him to continue writing anti-Semitic material.

CJC spokesman Bernie Farber says Congress will monitor Ross's writings more closely than ever and will scrutinize them for possible violations of Canada's hate laws.

In a 20-page decision, Mr. Justice Paul Creaghan of the Court of Queen's Bench upheld a board of inquiry's order last August to remove Ross from his 22-year teaching job.

The decision "confirms the desire of all Canadians to ensure that our public schools remain bias-free," said Joseph Wilder, national chairman of CJC's community relations committee. "Clearly, bigots like [Ross] have no right teaching our children."

However, the court also found that Ross's rights to expression had been impinged and it ruled he may resume writing his anti-Jewish material, which denies the Holoaust and alleges a global Jewish conspiracy.

The court ruled Ross's beliefs to be expressions protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

It struck down parts of the order that would have required the school board to fire Ross if he continued to write or distribute any material "that mentions a Jewish or Zionist conspiracy or attacks followers of the Jewish religion."

"It's a partial victory," said Ross, now a curriculum planner, after the decision. "It's a personal vindication but it doesn't solve the principles for which I was fighting."

Ross said the chances for appealing the ruling are good.

"It's looks very likely. There's a long way to go yet," said Ross, after consulting his lawyer, Doug Christie.

B'nai Brith Canada president Marilyn Wainberg said that without fur-

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Israel budget passes amid political haggling

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Knesset's adoption late last Thursday of a $50 billion state budget for the 1992 fiscal year ended a week of what veteran observers called unprecedented parliamentary pandemonium and haggling among the religious parties of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's coalition government.

The measure was adopted by a comfortable margin of 60-53, with one abstention. It was two days late according to Israeli law, which requires the state budget to be in place by midnight Dec. 31.

But its passage rescued Shamir's contentious coalition of right-wing and religious parties at least temporarily from dissolution.

Had the bill failed, Shamir would have almost certainly handed his resignation to President Chaim Herzog and called for early elections.

As it turned out, he bought time in a very literal sense by promising hundreds of millions of dollars in public funds to subsidize the schools run by constituents of the religious parties.

The prime minister also pledged additional hundreds of millions of dollars for an accelerated settlement building and expansion program in the territories. This issue has already gotten Israel into trouble with Washington and could seriously jeopardize future U.S. aid for immigrant resettlement.

No sooner had the budget become law when the Knesset plunged into another divisive debate over an electoral reform measure that would provide for the popular election of the prime minister by separate ballot not linked to party lists.

Though Shamir once supported the reform bill, the Likud leader reversed himself when it apparently occurred to him that he might be unseated by a more charismatic candidate from the Labor opposition.

Under Shamir's prodding, the huge Likud Central Committee voted almost unanimously last month to oppose the reform measure. The bill was thus doomed, according to political observers. But Laborites professed to be hopeful of a majority in favor.

That was far from certain as debate continued late into Thursday night. Uriel Linn, the Likud chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, was expected to pull the measure off the floor and into committee limbo if it showed the slightest signs of advancing.

Linn has the power under the rules, though the tactic is rarely used and has earned the opprobrium of legal academicians and jurists in recent days.

The entire opposition walked out of the chamber Thursday afternoon to protest what it charged was Likud filibustering to avoid a vote on electoral reform.

The result was that many clauses of the budget bill were passed with no opposition members present.

Apart from the unseemly bickering by the ultra-Orthodox parties over their access to the public purse, the budget measure was controversial on economic grounds.

It has a built-in deficit of 6.2 percent of the gross national product, which economists say borders on recklessness. The Treasury said that massive immigrant absorption costs necessitate this policy.

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Jewish high school students tried to deliver a petition to the Syrian consulate in Toronto. From left are Daniella Robicsek, Tamara Kronis, Uri Etigson and Joshua Lesk.

Syrian consulate calls in the RCMP over student protest

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Officials at the Syrian consulate here called the RCMP after a group of Jewish high school students tried to deliver a petition protesting the treatment of Jews in Syria.

About a dozen members of the North American High School Organization Network (NAHON), Bnei Akivah, National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) and United Synagogue Youth (USY) went, unannounced, to the consulate on Consumers Road on Dec. 19 to drop off the petition and other materials on Syrian Jewry and human rights.

They gathered around the door of the consulate and after one of them knocked, a man appeared asking what the group wanted.

The spokesman tried to explain he represented a group of Jewish high school students protesting the plight of Jews in Syria, but was cut off.

"Are you soliciting?" the official asked.

"No," the student said, proceeding with his address.

The official then said, "Get out or I'm calling the police" several times.

After the student pointed out that a *CJN* reporter was present, the man said "I'm calling the RCMP. Call the RCMP!" and slammed the door shut.

The students left their petition and papers on the doorstep and dispersed to the lobby.

But moments later, two RCMP squad cars arrived, one in front of the building and one in back. Two officers questioned the frightened students.

One constable told the students that the Syrian officials said they had been threatened.

After the questioning, one RCMP officer advised the students to leave, while the other went to the consulate.

"Now I know what Jews in Syria must feel like," remarked one of the students.

Other groups represented were the Oppressed Jewry Committee of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and NELFTY, the North Eastern Lakes Federation of Temple Youth.

Obituary

Rabbi Gedalia Felder

By
BEN ROSE

Rabbi Gedalia Felder died on Dec. 30.

TORONTO —

Rabbi Gedalia Felder, 70, a Talmudic scholar and world renowned posek (halachic arbitrator) died Dec. 30.

Seven rabbis, including two of his sons, gave eulogies at the funeral of the beloved spiritual leader of Shomrai Shabboth Chevrah Mishnayoth Congregation, Glengrove Avenue. He was buried in Roselawn Avenue cemetery.

In 1983, Rabbi Felder suffered a stroke and spent six months in hospital. Following that he was confined to a wheelchair, but was mentally alert and attended his synagogue's services morning and night.

His son, Rabbi Yaakov Felder, said he believed his father's death was the result of a heart attack and unrelated to the stroke eight years ago.

In October of 1989, Rabbi Felder was honored at a testimonial dinner for his services to the community. He was chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of the Toronto Jewish Congress, among other signal services to agencies and individuals. At the dinner, he was described as "the rabbi of all the people" by Rabbi Yitzhak Witty, executive director of the Jewish Board of Education. "He was always available to young and old, no matter what their ideology or level of observance."

At that dinner, particular tribute was paid to Rabbi Felder for helping to integrate Sephardi newcomers to Toronto.

Eulogies were given by Rabbi Aaron Felder of Philadelphia, his oldest son; Rabbi Mordecai Ochs of Torath Emeth; Rabbi Moses Burak of Beth Jacob Synagogue; Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, Clanton Park Synagogue; Rabbi Hershel Williger of New York, a brother-in-law; Rabbi Avraham Kelman of New York, formerly of Toronto, a longtime friend; and Rabbi Yaakov Felder, his youngest son and assistant rabbi of his father's congregation.

Rabbi Felder was born in 1921 in Iczuki-dolne in Galicia, now Poland. His father, Hersch, who came to Canada in 1930, brought his family to Canada in 1937.

Rabbi Felder received smicha (rabbinical ordination) in 1940 from Rabbi Avraham Price, and in the following years served as rabbi to small Jewish communities in southern Ontario, first in Sarnia, then in Belleville and Brantford. In 1949 he became principal of Bais Yehuda Talmud Torah on Dovercourt Road and rabbi of Shomrai Shabboth Congregation, then located on Brunswick Avenue at Sussex Avenue.

Rabbi Felder was the author of 11 major rabbinical works on Jewish law and its practice in daily life. Among them is a six-volume commentary, *Yesodei Yeshurin*. Two of these volumes deal with the laws and customs of daily prayer, three deal with the laws of the Sabbath, and one with the laws of Passover.

He wrote two *Nachlas Tzvi*, which deal with adoption, conversion and divorce, and a volume, *Peri Yeshurin*, an expansion on the laws and customs of daily prayer. In a responsa, *Sheilas Yeshurin*, Rabbi Felder brought his scholarship to bear on many of the dilemmas facing Jews around the world.

He had an extensive library of more than 6,000 volumes, many collectors' items.

He was on the Board of Education of Eitz Chaim Schools and served as vice-president of the Ontario division of Mizrachi. He was a member of the national executive and the national bet din (rabbinical court) of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Surviving are his wife, Bathsheva (his first wife Anna predeceased him in 1978); three sons, Rabbi Aaron Felder, Philadelphia; Yossi, Baltimore; and Rabbi Yaakov Felder, Toronto; two daughters, Esther and Rochel, who both live in Israel; a brother, Jack, of Montreal; two sisters, Tinnie Felevan and Adele Wertheim, both of New York; and 21 grandchildren.

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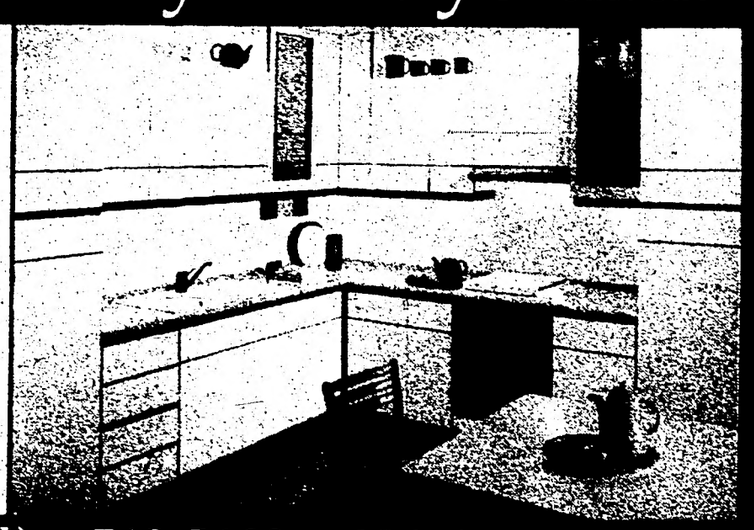

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John Rothmann, a political analyst and Mid-East expert, speaks at the Network Canada rally for the freedom of Israeli hostages outside the Israeli consulate.

Anti-Semitism, economy seen hurting Jews in CIS

By
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TORONTO —

"There is no future for Jews in what was the Soviet Union. The only hope for Jews is to leave." That is the blunt assessment of John Rothmann, San Francisco-based political analyst and former presidential adviser to Richard Nixon.

Rothmann spoke recently at the Park Plaza Hotel here during the Network Canada Convention (Network is the North American Constituent of the World Union of Jewish Students).

Overt anti-Semitism was discouraged in the Soviet Union, said Rothmann, although "controlled anti-Zionism" was permitted. "Yes, it was controlled anti-Semitism, but the key word is 'controlled'," pointed out Rothmann.

Rothmann cited bombs found in the Kiev synagogue during Chanukah and recent pogroms as examples of an upsurge in anti-Semitism in the former Soviet Union.

[Russian president] Boris Yeltsin has finally condemned anti-Semitism, said Rothmann, and has committed himself to freedom of movement [for Jews]. On the other hand, said Rothmann, Yeltsin has made a statement about how Jews leaving are hurting Russia.

"We know that Jews living in the Islamic republics are in deep trouble," said Rothmann, "because the Islamic republics are not going to grant Jews exit visas to go to Israel."

Only the president of the Ukraine has formally and decisively denounced anti-Semitism within his own society, a notoriously anti-Semitic region, and only he has affirmed a friendship for Israel in a solid public way.

It is estimated that about two million Jews remain in the Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly the Soviet Union), according to Rothmann. "As Jews we must work harder to ensure that our brothers and sisters can leave. We must redouble our efforts to help Israel in the vital task of absorption. We must push George Bush on a $10 billion loan guarantee for Israel.

"Every Jew has the right to go home. We must ensure that these Jews go with the security that they deserve. We are the wealthiest and the freest generation of Jews in history and that obligates us.

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To put the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) into a global context, Rothmann began by emphasizing that the Soviet Union's traditional "brutal dictatorship" is a thing of the past, as is communism.

Yet for the people in the CIS, political philosophy is not a primary concern. "Their problem is very simple," said Rothmann. "There is no food on the shelves. Day-to-day life is their primary concern."

A second factor internally, said Rothmann, is the struggle for power. "There is no history of democracy in what was the czarist Russian empire. If [Prime Minister Brian] Mulroney or [U.S. president George] Bush died tomorrow, the systems of government would have an orderly transition. If [Russian president Boris] Yeltsin died tomorrow, God knows what would happen."

Ethnic rivalry is another internal concern that has implications for the western world, because it affects stability in the CIS.

Masse to meet with Arens

JERUSALEM —

Canadian Defence Minister Marcel Masse is expected to arrive here Jan. 8 for top-level meetings.

Masse is scheduled to meet his Israeli counterpart, Moshe Arens, on Jan. 9.

Prior to arriving in Israel, Masse visited Canadian troops in Kuwait, Syria (on the Golan Heights), Saudi Arabia and stopped off in Jordan.

He met with the defence ministers of each country.

According to the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv, the main reason for Masse's visit is to explore what role Canadian peace keeping forces will play in the event of a peace agreement.

The embassy says Masse will not raise the issues of arms control and non-proliferation agreements.

CJC meets with Chretien

OTTAWA —

National Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Les Scheininger led a delegation recently in the organization's first official meeting with federal Liberal party leader Jean Chretien.

Discussion revolved around a wide variety of topics. Scheininger began by outlining CJC's priority issues on behalf of the Jewish community of Canada. These included national unity and constitutional reform, the prosecution of Nazi war criminals residing in Canada, the plight of Jews living in oppressed lands, particularly Syria, and the centrality of the State of Israel. The situation in Eastern Europe was also discussed.

Chretien indicated that both he and his party had a long history of support for many of the issues of concern to Canadian Jewry. He remarked, for example, that Liberal party policy had always called for the repeal of the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism. Chretien noted CJC's support for a multicultural Canada and observed that he was minister of justice when the Liberals introduced the national multiculturalism policy. In that portfolio he also authorized the extradition of Nazi war criminal Helmut Rauca, while working in close co-operation with then solicitor-general Robert Kaplan.

CJC briefed the Liberal leader on the recent establishment of the Parliamentary Group for Syrian Jewry, a committee of MPs and senators seeking to advocate on behalf of the distressed Syrian Jewish community, Chretien indicated a willingness to lend his name to this unofficial parliamentary grouping.

On the current constitutional front, Chretien indicated that he, like CJC, endorses the designation of Quebec as a distinct society, to be lodged as an interpretive clause in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He also discussed his support for a national referendum on constitutional reform.

Accompanying Scheininger were chairman of the national executive Moshe Ronen, executive vice-president Alan Rose, national executive director and general counsel Jack Silverstone and director of legislative analysis Eric Vernon. Herb Gray, Liberal MP for Windsor West, joined Chretien.

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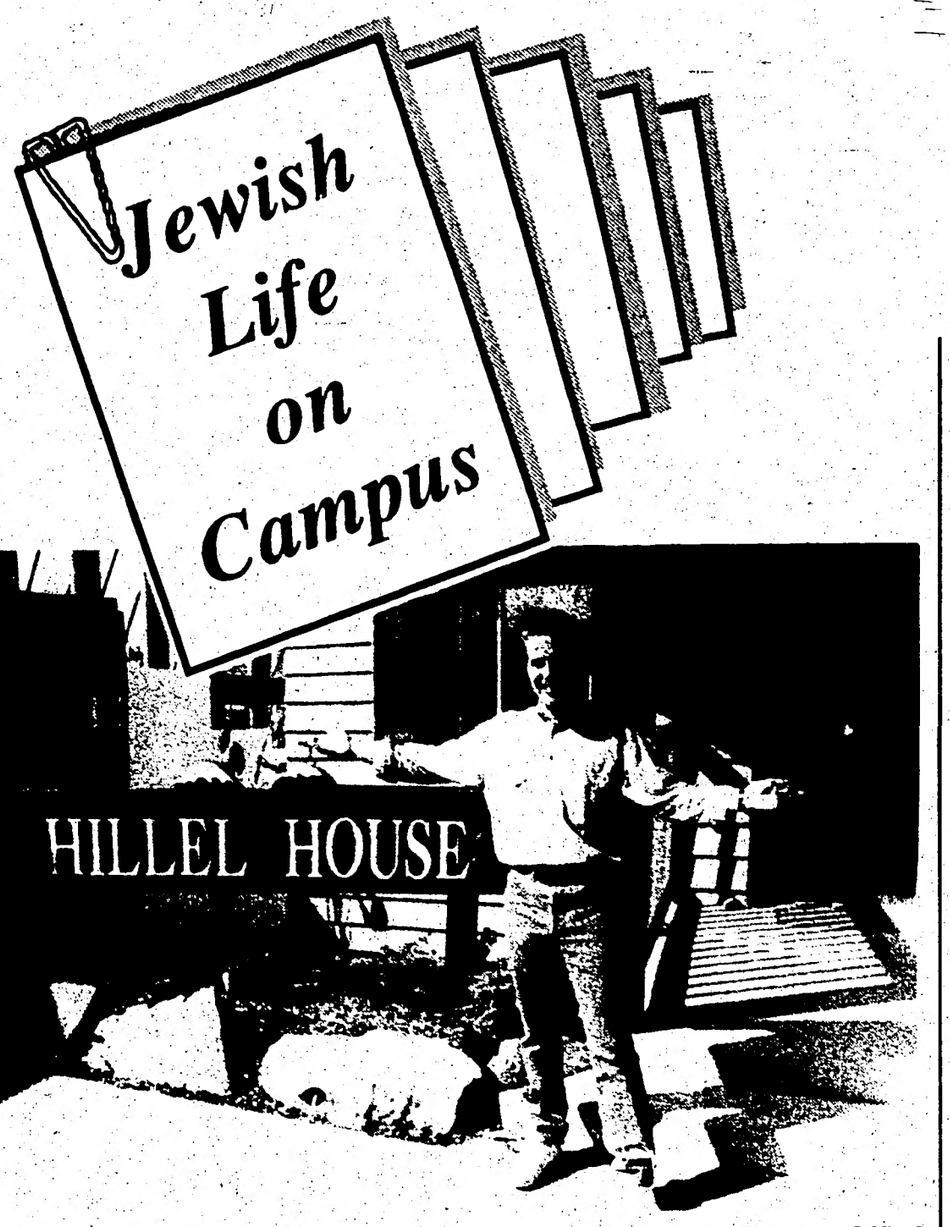

Eyal Lichtmann in front of Hillel House. [Photo courtesy of UBC Community Relations Office]

Hillel House the centre of Jewish life at UBC

VANCOUVER —

Jewish campus life centres around Hillel House at the University of British Columbia (UBC), with 600 students on the Hillel mailing list and another 200 faculty.

Zac Kaye, executive director, says "Hillel is committed to making itself open and accessible to as many Jewish students as possible." The Hillel building is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., "to enable students from other campuses and those taking evening courses at UBC to avail themselves of our facilities."

For the first time, Hillel now has an outreach program to Simon Fraser University (SFU) and to Langara Community College. A staff member has an office on the SFU campus.

Hillel funding comes mainly from B'nai B'rith lodges here and the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

Program director Eyal Lichtmann describes Hillel House as a "haven" for the Jewish students. During the Gulf War, as Scud missiles fell on Tel Aviv, the students and faculty gathered around the TV screen, comforting those who had friends or family in Israel.

"We were frightened," said Lichtmann, who was born in Israel. "There was a sense of helplessness and guilt. Here we were sitting comfortably while our people were dying."

To keep up to date on Israeli matters, there's a weekly noon-hour speakers' series, with the political scene in Israel the main topic, although other topics do get discussed. With the cooperation of the Israel Programs office and the UBC department of Jewish studies, forums have been organized on a variety of contemporary Jewish issues.

An important feature of Hillel's programs is the weekly Torah study group, conducted by rabbis of the local synagogues. Hebrew lessons are also popular with the students.

A two-day Holocaust awareness program featuring a display of Holocaust photos, drew a large attendance and special programming was held to commemorate the Shoah, prior to Kristallnacht. An Israel Week program, to be held the first week of February, will kick off with a 5-kilometre fundraising run. El Al has donated a return ticket to Israel as a prize. Other events will include speakers, an Israeli shuk (market), and a Moadon Laila (cafe-style club night).

Thanks to a grant from the Federation, a Jewish student newspaper will be published during the year, with four issues planned — written and edited by the students.

New also will be a Jewish Graduate Student Society, to cater to the specific needs of this growing population. Hillel, with support from the Federation and the Canadian Zionist Feueration (CZF) was able to send two participants to the Kesher program in Israel, Alex Hart and Lisa Estrin. Alex, upon his return, agreed to work together with Hillel in establishing the society and Lisa will be involved with the 10-member student board in developing specific projects.

Providing input into the general program is Abbey Fitch, president of the Jewish Student Association at UBC, who attended the Hillel Jewish student conference in Pennsylvania and visited Boston and Montreal on behalf of Hillel to get ideas from them. Abbey is the first person from Hillel in Vancouver to attend this annual conference.

Hillel House is rated as one of the finest of student clubs on the campus. It's a separate building, directly across from the Students Union Building. It's equipped with a kosher kitchen, a fax, copying machine, TV, radio and all the amenities required to make it a comfortable place to relax, study and to meet Jewish friends.

There is a $10 membership fee, but it's not essential to pay to partake in the activities. The paid-up members have the privilege of voting for the board which plans the programming. A hot lunch program, held once a week, costs $5.

Lichtmann, the program director who is studying for his MBA in the evenings after a long day working in Hillel House, says that when he arrived at UBC in 1985, he and his friends couldn't find the kind of Jewish cultural activities they wanted on campus. So he helped set up the Jewish Students Association and began to organize events and programs, forming the basis for Hillel's current programming.

Hillel House itself was founded by the B'nai B'rith Foundation in 1947 but it was not until 1986 that the building was renovated to take care of the needs of the growing Jewish student population. The renovations were financed by prominent members of the Vancouver Jewish community.

The renovation program paid off with a greatly expanded membership and a continuing program of activities which have made the Jewish students the envy of UBC — and now SFU and Langara.

"We're developing a strong sense of community," says Zac Kaye. "We have an exciting program and together with the students we've developed an exciting year."

Hillel hopes to reach the non-Jewish community at UBC, but with varying success so far. According to Lichtmann, "people don't know about us and that's ironic, because considering our location, we're central but hidden."

However, when a new student services building is completed, Hillel will be "smack in the middle of student life on campus," and that should make Hillel House one of the most popular spots — for all — at UBC.

In our continuing series featuring Jewish life on university campuses across Canada, The CJN this week looks at the University of British Columbia and University of Victoria in British Columbia. Maurice Lucow reports.

Members of Victoria's Or Lapidim take a ferry to the Gulf Islands. Pictured (back row from left) are Steve Feldman, Marcy Lieberman (of Vancouver), David Ickovich, Tammy Aitken, Michael Torontow, Lorri Duncan; (front row) Sheri Saunders (Vancouver) and Stephen Caine.

Or Lapidim provides Jewish interaction at UVic

VICTORIA —

Although comparatively small in numbers, the Jewish campus club at the University of Victoria (UVic) plays an important role in the community at large.

Originally, the University of Victoria Jewish Students Society, founded in 1985, served the UVic student population only. But feedback from the Jewish community indicated that young adults at colleges and in the workforce were anxious to join because there is no other Jewish young adults group in the city.

So last year the name was changed to Or Lapidim and membership extended to all men and women ranging in age from 17 to 35. From the original eight students, the club has grown to a membership of over 50 and the potential is there for continued growth, as it's estimated there are at least 80 Jewish students at UVic.

The name Or Lapidim means torch light, and it ties in with the university's Hebrew slogan of Let There Be Light.

Jewish students at the university are in all disciplines, says Stephen Caine, one of the club leaders. Although most of the students are from Victoria, a large percentage comes from "all over," says Caine, including New Zealand, Israel, New York and Toronto. There are undergraduate students as well as graduate students.

Growth of UVic's Jewish population has encouraged the National Budgeting Conference (NBC) to provide funding for the club, based on an estimated 100 students. NBC, which funds national organizations from money raised through community campaigns, "approached us," said Caine and worked out the funding formula. The club also gets a $200 a year grant from the university to help its activities.

NBC funds will be channeled to the students through Congregation Emanu-El.

Or Lapidim operates on a year-round basis to keep interest in the club alive. One of the features in its program is the havdalah service every Saturday night, held during the summer months at Cadboro Bay Beach, and during the winter in various homes.

The members conduct the service themselves and this is followed by social activities or a discussion. Programs after havdalah have included viewing a video on assimilation and intermarriage, and a Chanukah party was held in December.

An innovative feature is the "moral pizza nights," at which discussions on Jewish moral values and ethics are held after a pizza meal.

The club keeps abreast of Jewish affairs through its informal connection with Hillel in Vancouver and Seattle and members frequently join in the activities of these cities, which are a short distance away by ferry.

Yakov Perron, of the Israeli embassy in Ottawa, recently met with the students to update them on the Israeli situation, and discussions on Israel are held often, as well as evenings for Israeli dancing.

Other activities include hikes on Vancouver Island. A trip to the nearby Gulf Islands by ferry was a highlight of the summer's program. A student retreat was held in early November at Camp Miriam on nearby Gabriola Island.

The main purpose of the club, said Caine, is "Jewish interaction. We're not political, but if something political comes up which could affect Jewish life, we're prepared to take action."

For example, when Holocaust denier David Irving was in Victoria recently to speak and to peddle his revisionist history of the Holocaust, Caine and others made a point of finding out where the meeting was being held (it was being kept a secret by the Irving backers) and made sure there was Jewish representation at the meeting — although no effort was made to stop it, or even to heckle.

Caine stressed however that while the club is apolitical, there are no restrictions on the individual members participating in politics.

Headquarters for Or Lapidim is the Jewish Community Centre of Victoria at 3635 Shelbourne St., Victoria, B.C., V8P 4H2. Caine is the club's representative on the centre's board of directors.

There are no officers in the club. Instead, it's administered by a five-person committee, the key members of which are Caine, Andrew Blackman and Lori Duncan.

There are about 14,000 students at UVic, and there is a large contingent of Jewish faculty. Faculty members, however, do not participate in the club's activities.

The club promotes membership through the annual university club day and, says Caine, mainly through word of mouth.

Students in Victoria write letters to External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall regarding emigration for Syrian Jews.

College newspaper under fire

CALGARY —

The Dec. 12 issue of the *Reflector*, Mount Royal College's independent student newspaper was pulled off the stands because of an "offensive", anti-Semitic cartoon published in the paper.

The editor of the paper is resigning, the students responsible for the cartoon were fired, the college is considering banning the newspaper from the campus, apologies and condemnation of the cartoon's content abound.

In the cartoon, titled "Christmas Corner with Max da Kraut," a Skinhead character says: "I'm Max der Kraut with a grand holiday suggestion . . . First, buy a G.I. Jew doll, then an easy bake oven, and finish the job our Fuhrer started. Cook up yourself a Hymie-Ham . . . Joel the bignosed Jewboy had a very shiny watch, and after I stole it off him I was really hard to catch."

John Gallagher, who penned the cartoon approved by co-entertainment editor Brad Simkulet, said that the idea was to "attack prejudice in all its forms."

Gallagher attributes the misinterpretation of his cartoon to his lack of cartooning skills. "Jewish people don't deserve to be attacked," he said, "and Skinheads do."

"I'm not going to cartoon ever again in my whole life," he concluded.

Gallagher said that Graham White, editor of the *Reflector*, had okayed the cartoon, an allegation White denies.

"There is no excuse for the kind of abhorently offensive material appearing in any publication at any time," White said.

The *Reflector* is an independent newspaper, financed through advertising. It is not the official voice of the Mount Royal College Student Association.

The Mount Royal College administration allowed the paper to be distributed on campus, but in view of this incident, "we will review that policy to ensure that this sort of thing doesn't go out again," said Lynn Leduc, manager of community relations at the college.

She stressed that the college has no editorial control over the paper but is concerned nonetheless about this "reprehensible" content.

Shandeep Dhir, president of the Mount Royal College Students Association, stressed that the ideas expressed are "not representative of those of the students on campus."

Hal Joffe, co-chairman of the community relations committee of Calgary Jewish Community Council said: "We accept the students' statements as to what their intentions were, and accept their apologies.

"However, that does not change the fact that the cartoon was inappropriate and should not have gone into the paper in the first place."

Drew Staffenberg, executive director of CJCC, met with two of the students involved in the incident.

"I believe the students were sincerely attempting in good faith to combat racism," he commented. "However, their effort failed miserably."

Staffenberg said that CJCC has asked for a meeting with school officials to see if policies can be put into place to prevent incidents like this in the future.

Isaac Paul, an instructor at Mount Royal College, was left speechless by the cartoon.

"There is no justification for publishing something like this," he said.

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Palestinian seeks refugee status

TORONTO —

An immigration hearing for a refugee claimant who says he was a bodyguard for PLO chief Yasser Arafat will begin in Montreal soon.

Wahid Kahlil Baroud, 41, was released on a bond from the Metro West Detention Centre Dec. 23. The bond requires he report to authorities in Mississauga, where Baroud's wife and children live, by Feb. 13, unless the hearings begin by then, immigration department spokesman Milton Best told *The CJN*.

Baroud arrived at Pearson International Airport from Greece last May. The family claimed to be Israelis but were travelling on forged Egyptian passports.

The family applied for refugee status.

Last month, immigration officials arrested Baroud because he failed to appear at two previous immigration hearings in Montreal.

Baroud's wife and children were not held.

According to a statement given to immigration officials, Baroud claims he was a captain in Fatah, the PLO faction headed by Arafat, and had been in charge of co-ordinating terrorist acts in Libya, Syria, Lebanon and Greece, where he said he had been stationed for eight years.

Baroud also claimed to have been Arafat's bodyguard.

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In Montreal meanwhile, a six-day, closed-door hearing for a Palestinian being held as a suspected security risk recently concluded in Federal Court.

Mahmoud Abo Shandi, who claims to have been a colonel in Fatah, was held in detention since his arrival here Oct. 18 from Norway. He now faces deportation.

The immigration department blocked his bid for political asylum claiming in November that he is "someone engaged in or likely to engage in acts of espionage or subversion against democratic governments, institutions or processes as they are understood in Canada."

His lawyers, Noel St. Pierre and Paul Duchow, argued before Judge Bud Cullen that Shandi is not a security risk and should not be deported.

Shandi has been held in the Parthenais detention centre, after being removed from an immigration centre.

He had claimed refugee status upon his arrival at Mirabel aiport from Norway because he feared Mossad agents were operating in that country.

He and his wife, who has since given birth here, carried Algerian passports. He told immigration officials he had been in charge of security at the Bourg el-Barajneh and Shatilla Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon during the early 1980s, but had a falling out with the PLO during the Gulf War.

CJC to monitor Ross's activities

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ther action, "only half the problem of Ross is being stopped."

She called on New Brunswick's attorney-general to launch hate charges against Ross if he interprets the ruling to resume his writings.

David Attis, the Jewish parent who brought the original complaint that Ross was promoting anti-Semitism in the classroom, said he was satisfied with the ruling.

"The most important thing" was that the court upheld Ross's dismissal. Attis said the lifting of the publication against Ross is "peripheral."

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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An alternate interpretation attributes the origin of Horen (and consequently Goren and Orenstein) to Aaron, the first high priest.

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MS patient gets relief from experimental drug

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"It's unbelievable," said Dov Keren-Ya'ar, when he saw Perla Arditti for the first time in eight months during a recent interview at the offices of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science. Arditti's animated use of her hands, the ease with which she crossed, uncrossed and recrossed her legs, and her positive energy were all subjects of Keren-Ya'ar's fascination.

Keren-Ya'ar, director, department of overseas co-ordination at the Weizman Institute, first met Arditti when she visited Israel on a UJA mission in 1989. At that time multiple sclerosis had severely sapped Arditti's energy and affected her ability to walk.

As a result of that meeting, Arditti learned about an experimental drug developed at Weizmann by three scientists. COP-1, a synthetic combination of the amino acids found in myelin (the protective nerve covering damaged by MS), is given by daily injection. It suppresses the creation of cells which attack the myelin in the "exacerbating remitting" form of MS.

"It isn't going to work for everybody," says Arditti, who was carefully screened before being approved by Hadassah Hospital for use of the still-experimental drug.

Aside from travel expenses and the cost of the COP-1 (until it receives FDA approval, no medical plan will cover the cost), the only known drawback is the possibility of mild irritation or itching at the injection site. Arditti rotates injection sites to avoid that problem.

Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries bought the rights to COP-1 from Weizmann. Clinical trials are now being conducted in 11 centres, including the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

Perla Arditti

As part of the experimental program being conducted at Hadassah Hospital, Arditti was taught to inject herself with COP-1 last April. She was given a supply of the drug to take back to Canada, along with the documentation that allowed her to "just waltz right through" customs.

Arditti returned to Israel in October for a six-month check-up, which showed a 75 to 80 percent improvement in her condition.

"I didn't know she could talk so fast — and so much," said Keren-Ya'ar, his own voice rising in pitch and intensity as he marveled at the change.

"Six to eight months ago I was hardly walking," Arditti told *The CJN*. "Last year I was in a wheelchair [at Skydome]," said the 32-year-old baseball enthusiast. "This summer I walked the whole Dome with the assistance of my cane and nothing else. I've got a lot more energy than I had before, and I'm feeling great."

Arditti had battled MS for almost 10 years when she began taking COP-1. The first three years were the worst for her as the illness progressed rapidly, leaving Arditti paralyzed on her right side for eight months and requiring frequent hospital stays before the illness went into remission. "It was very frustrating," said Arditti, who played racquetball competitively in university.

"This drug [COP-1] is supposed to keep you from getting worse. It won't cure [MS]. It won't take it away," says Arditti.

Despite her MS, Arditti runs two businesses, importing Brazilian objets d'art and a line of Israeli clothing. She also freelances as a mortgage broker and is actively involved with the United Jewish Appeal. A native of St. John, New Brunswick, she has lived in Toronto since 1982.

By ironic coincidence, Arditti's brother was diagnosed with MS three years ago. He is not a candidate for COP-1.

"We wouldn't like to give others false hopes," said Keren-Ya'ar, emphasizing how important it is to be cautious at this stage of testing.

Yet results such as Arditti's inspire Keren-Ya'ar and spur continued research. "If you need justification for everything you are doing day and night [as part of your job at Weizmann], you have the story of Perla Arditti," said Keren-Ya'ar.

U.S. justice department seeks Lithuanian survivors

NEW YORK —

The Department of Justice has requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in locating survivors of the Holocaust from two areas of Lithuania.

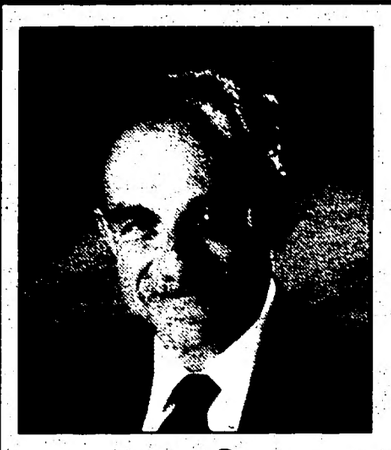
The Department's Office of Special Investigations is charged with locating and prosecuting individuals in the United States who had participated in acts of Nazi persecution during World War II.

It is currently investigating a case involving the persecution and murder of civilians in the town of Joniskis in the summer of 1941.

It is also investigating events surrounding the persecution and murder of civilians in the separate village of Joniskelis between 1941 and 1943.

Individuals who can be of assistance in these investigations are asked to contact: Mr. Sidney Gruber, World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Telephone: (212) 755-5770.

Any information provided will be kept in strictest confidence. Both English and non-English speaking witnesses are welcome.



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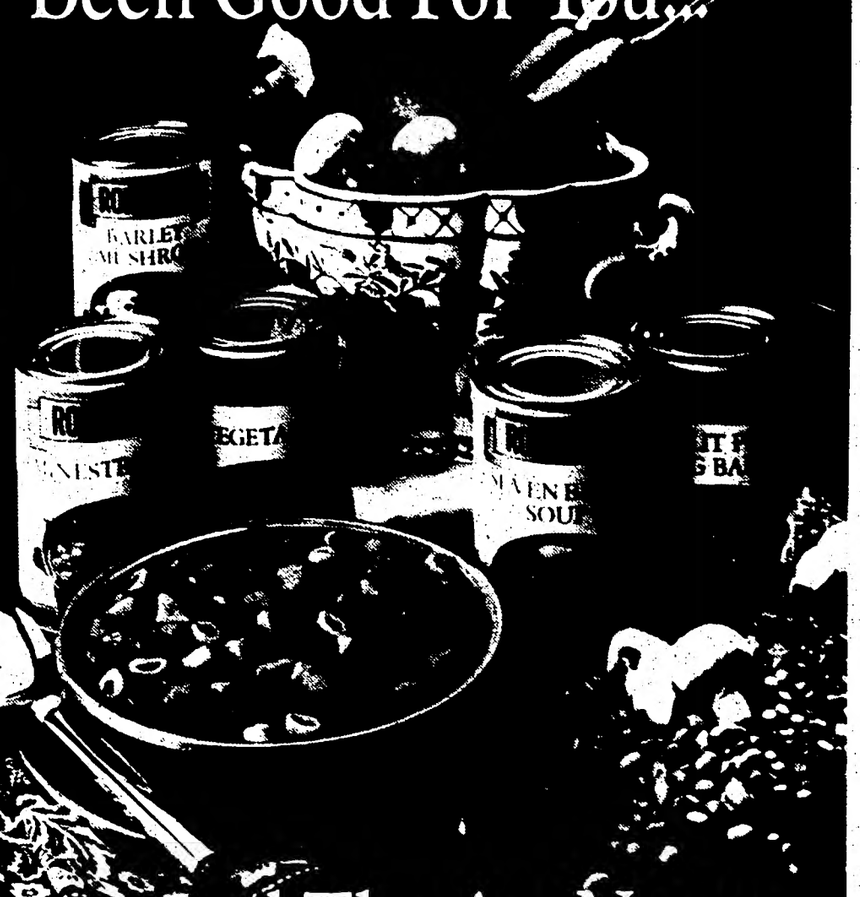

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Protesters arrive in Silwan, an East Jerusalem village with Jewish settlers, to demonstrate support for Jewish settlers not living in Arab villages in East Jerusalem. The protest went off without incident. [IPPA photo]

Palestinian youths want peace

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

"We hate the Jews because they make us hate them," said 19-year-old Rayid, sitting at the home of the mukhtar of Wadi Hilweh, the Arab neighborhood built on the remains of the City of David. "They call us terrorists, and treat us like fleas. What do they expect?" he continued, as several friends, village elders and Mukhtar Lutfi Siam looked on.

"If they want war, then that's what we'll give them. We'll make it so the settlers will fear for their lives," added Atta, 22, who had sat quietly during most of the conversation.

Sitting next to him, Musam, also 19, wanted to have his say: "We want to be treated like human beings, not like dogs," he broke in. "We throw rocks because that is our weapon, just like the border policemen have guns. It's the weapon we use to show that we don't like what is happening. It is the only thing we have to fight with," he added.

Siam had brought the youths together to help present the village's position toward Jewish settlement there.

That such animosity against the Jews could spring from the same ground where Jewish civilization was also rooted - and where several Jewish families lived in this century until the Arab riots of 1936-39 - may seem ironic, but it certainly is not surprising. Wadi Hilmeh, along with the other neighborhoods in the East Jerusalem village of Silwan, has been a hot-spot of Arab nationalistic activity since the outbreak of the intifada.

Few Israelis and tourists have ventured into the village for years, despite the attraction of its numerous historic sites and its proximity to the Old City. Those that did were often met with hailstorms of stones and bottles.

A status quo had developed over the past year, in which Silwan remained "quiet" at the expense of outsiders not being able to enter the village. After it made headlines in the first years of the intifada, very little was heard from Silwan.

But all that came to an abrupt end on the evening of Oct. 8, when settlers converged on five buildings in Wadi Hilweh, or the City of David, to use the original name, in hopes of reclaiming the area for Jews.

"I heard the settlers as they tried to enter a home near where I lived, and then heard the shouting between them and soldiers," apparently trying to evict them, recalled one of the youths, abruptly woken up in the middle of the night by the raid.

Jewish presence in Silwan did little to break the status quo that developed during the intifada. Few Israelis ventured into the village, and those that did were often accompanied by armed-security personnel hired by Elad. Jews lived in the village, but they were still outsiders.

What it had rekindled, or perhaps more correctly drawn attention back to, was the animosity of the villagers toward the Israeli authorities. "Israel talks about coexistence, and look at how they are treating us," said Adam Siam, the younger brother of the El Hilweh mukhtar. "They make us hate them."

He, and the other young villagers called together by the mukhtar, complained about the massive border police presence in Silwan. There was no curfew on the village, but few people go outside in the evening for fear of confrontation with the border policemen brought to the village to protect the settlers, according to Adam Siam.

In the afternoon, the village bustles with the noise of children returning from school. Those coming back from schools in the Old City pass by the police roadblocks at the entrance to the village to get to their homes. Several border policeman are stationed by the entrance, and in small groups along the main road through the village.

But as the sun sets, the village is quickly transformed into a ghost town. The streets are empty of both people and vehicles. "I feel like I'm in prison here," said Rayid, who lives by the village entrance. "There's no curfew, but if I go out at night, the border policemen always stop me to ask what I'm doing," Rayid added.

The border police, of course, have good reason for being wary of even what seem to be the most innocent passersby. Village leaders have not been bashful about predicting an outbreak of violence in response to Elad's attempt to bring Jewish families into the City of David.

"I can't be responsible for what happens if the High Court rules in favor of the settlers," Mukhtar Lutfi Siam says. "The young people don't listen to me. They do what they please," he said. "Many of the young people have no work. What do they care? They throw rocks at border police patrols, and maybe get caught and thrown in jail; that doesn't deter them," Siam added.

But the young people were not without hope. No, they did not want Jews living in their village. There was no wavering on that point. They appeared ready to go to great extremes to make the lives of Jews who move into Silwan miserable.

Yet, the talk in Siam's home was not only of hatred and anger. "If only I had work, and could study, and we could live in peace," mused Rayid. "I want so much that things will be good for my young brother when he grows up, that it will be better for him than it was for me."

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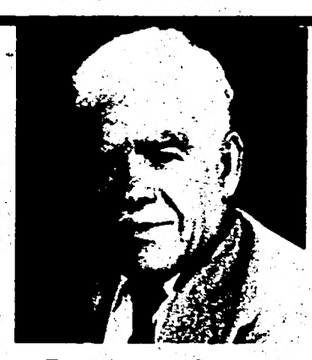

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נאָר ווייניק איז עס פֿאַר דער פּענע פון גאָלד;
איר ווילט זיך נאָך וועלן געערטער.

וויַיל גאָלד איז פון פּען נאָר דאָס פּיצעלע נאָז,
דאָס גופל ביַי איר איז פון ניקל,
איז מאַטערט דער גאָלדענער פּען אַ פֿאַרדראָס —
פֿאַרוואָס קומט איר גאָלד זיַין אַ שטיקל?

זי מיינט אין דעם פֿאַל, אַז גאָלד, דאָס מעטאַל,
מאַכט גליקלעך און חשוב דעם רייַכן
און ווייס ניט, אַ גאָלדן האַרץ איז מער ווערט
פון אַלץ,

כאָטש גאָלד האָט צום האַרץ ניט קיַין שייכות.

הינט

אַ הונט איז בטבע אַ בילער,
אויף אַלץ איז ער האַווקענען גרייט,
עס קאָן ניט אַ כלב זיַין שטילער,
אַפילו וען ר'איז אויף אַ קייט.

ער בילט אויף בהמות און ליַיטן,
אויף קאָטערס און קעץ אויף געוויס,
מען האַלט זיך מיט הינט פון דערווייַטן,
וויַיל הינט ווילן טאָן אויך אַ ביס.

מען זאָגט: ס'איז אַ כלב'ס כאַראַקטער
זיַין שנאה צו אַלץ איז דער גרונד.
זיַין קייט איז צו דעם אויך אַ פֿאַקטאָר,
נאָר ווער קען באַנעמען אַ הונט?

און ווער קאָן פֿאַרשטיין זיַין כוונה
פֿון בילן אָן אויפהער ביַינאַכט
און האַווקענען אויף דער לבנה,
וואָס שוועמט אין די הימלען באַזאַכט?

עס איז שוין פון לאַנג אַ תקנה
און כ'גלויב, אַז עס גילט אויך הינט:
אַ כלב בילט אויף דער לבנה,
וויַיל אַלץ וואָס עס שיינט האָט עה פיַינט.

ביַי מענטשן אויך זיַינען דאָ כלבים,
וואָס בילן אויף אַלץ, וואָס עס גרינט:
אויף שטערן, לבנות און כתבים,
וויַיל דאָס איז די טבע פון הינט.

אַ יאַרמלקע

אַ יאַרמלקע האָט אויף אַ קאָפּ
געמומען גרויס זיך האַלטן:
ס'גיט איטלעכער איר כבוד אָפּ,
סיַי יונגע און סיַי אַלטע,

מען טוט זי פונעם קאָפּ ניט אויס
ביַים עסן און ביַם בענטשן,
דאַרף זי ניט האַלטן זיך אין גרויס
און שטאָלץ זיַין, ליבע מענטשן?!

אַן אויער, וואָס האָט גראָד דערהערט
דער יאַרמלקע'ס פּאָר וועטער,
האָט איר אַ זאָג געטאָן: פֿאַרקערט!
ניט כבוד איז באַשערט דיר.

וויַיל דו פֿאַרדעקסט ניט אַלעמאָל
בלויז מענטשן אין הצטרכות,
נאָר אונטער זיך באַהאַלטסטו אָפּט
אויך אומצוכטן און פֿארכעס.

Weizmann seeks to build up research support

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Despite the tough economic climate, the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science will "rise up to the challenge" and seek innovative ways to keep support strong, president H. Thomas Beck told the society's national annual meeting here.

Reporting to about 40 members of Canadian Weizmann leadership at the Four Seasons Hotel, Beck said news was better this year than last. The Canadian society raised $1.2 million towards the Israeli institute's operating budget, $500,000 more than planned.

The society also was able to put its Canadian bank book in the black for the first time in seven years, and "we are now in a position to move forward," Beck said.

Beck said the priority for next year will be to build support, on a national level, for a Discovery Fund for Brain Research and Aging. Toronto already held a "Gala Bowl" with proceeds earmarked for research on the brain and aging, and Montreal and Toronto activities will be focused on raising money for the fund.

Beck reported that Canadian Weizmann is also working on a fledgling program under chairman Collin Craig to seek joint ventures with Canadian organizations, towards procuring foundational support.

Underway as well is an initiative to expand the base of support for the Montreal and Toronto chapters' "Friends" of Weizmann category under respective chairmen Sheila Shouela and Stephen Burns, through increased corporate and personal approaches.

Beck said the Canadian Society was able to send six outstanding science students to Israel for the society's Bessie F. Lawrence Summer Science Institute, and he stressed the need to encourage young people to visit the institute and become involved in the Canadian Society.

A young adult group in support of the Canadian Society's Montreal chapter, Alliance Weizmann, held a "Gala Casino-Auction" last fall in line with such initiatives.

Renewed activity is also expected in Ottawa with the appointment of Sara Vered as chairman. Sabina Ratner is the new Montreal chapter president.

At a luncheon following the meeting, guest speaker Prof. Geraldine Kenney-Wallace, president of McMaster University, hoped for increased links with the Weizmann Institute.

The Canadian Society's new national slate of officers named at the meeting consisted of Beck, president; B. Robert Benson, Marvin Corber, David Dennis, Irving Frisch, Dr. Allan Gordon, Joel Greisman, Hy Isenbaum, Jules James, Morris Kerzner, Donald Loeb, Leo Perkell, Barrie Rose, Dr. Aser Rothstein, Dr. Louis Simonovitch, Marvin Tanner, Sharon Zuckerman, vice-presidents; M. Nassie Godel, treasurer; Dr. Allan Gordon, secretary; Wolfe Goodman, honorary counsel.

The meeting also included respective Montreal and Toronto chapter reports by Ratner and Gordon and a report of the board of governors meeting by Canadian Society chairman emeritus James F. Kay.

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Luitjens extradition favored

TORONTO —
Canada's national Jewish organizations have welcomed reports that the Netherlands will request the extradition from Canada of accused Dutch Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens of Vancouver.

David Matas, national chairman of B'nai Brith Canada's war crimes committee, said it is "imperative that Luitjens face justice in the Netherlands," where a court convicted him in absentia of war crimes in 1948.

Matas called on Ottawa to consider the extradition request "with due haste."

The Dutch request follows Canada's recent move to strip Luitjens of his citizenship after the Federal Court ruled the retired botany professor had lied about his Nazi past.

The decision paved the way for Luitjens' deportation.

According to Matas, both the extradition and deportation may proceed at the same time.

Milton Harris, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's war crimes committee, also welcomed the request.

B'nai Brith welcomes decision

Harris said he expects this and future requests to extradite accused Nazi war criminals "will be the objects of prompt and vigorous attention" by Ottawa.

B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs welcomed reports that the Dutch government will be formally requesting the extradition of Luitjens.

"It is imperative that Luitjens face justice in the Netherlands where his brutal war crimes were committed," said Matas.

"Accordingly, we welcome the Dutch government's decision to request Luitjens' extradition and we call on the Canadian government to consider this request with due haste."

According to Matas, a noted immigration lawyer and author of the book *Justice Delayed: Nazi War Criminals in Canada* both the extradition request and deportation proceedings can proceed simultaneously. "The key is to send Luitjens to the Netherlands as expeditiously as possible," said Matas. "The government must fully explore and act on all possible options immediately."

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Christian Arab sent home

By
RON CSILLAG

EDMONTON —
A Christian Arab who refused to carry out terrorist orders from Palestinians has been deported back to Israel, where he and his family fear for their lives.

Fihmi Matta, a 41-year-old Israeli citizen, his wife and two of his three children were placed by RCMP officers on an Air Canada flight to Toronto Monday morning (Jan. 6) after lawyers exhausted all appeals of their deportation by immigration officials.

As *The CJN* went to press in Toronto, Matta was to have boarded an El Al flight to Tel Aviv.

At Edmonton's airport, the scene was emotional, with family members crying and shouting angry words directed at Canadian immigration authorities.

Matta's 18-year-old daughter, Lina, is here on a visitor's visa but must leave when it expires in February.

Matta, a bus driver who fought a pitched battle for asylum in Canada, says going back to Israel means a death sentence for him and violence against his family.

Matta was ordered deported in late November after an immigration adjudicator rejected his claim for refugee status.

His wife, Nawal and his two sons, Sam, 16, and Alla, 9, were ordered deported by a separate panel. Just before those proceedings got under way, a distressed Matta collapsed and was rushed to hospital with chest pains. Matta was banned from the hearing when it took place.

After Lina Matta was ordered deported following the expiry of her visa, her father had to be restrained because he shouted at and chased panel members.

Throughout the proceedings, Matta argued he would be in mortal danger in Israel because he refused to carry out orders from the Muslim Brotherhood, part of the Hizballah fundamentalist group, to blow up a bus depot and to transport arms.

"My heart says I want to love people. I don't want to hate people," Matta told the *Toronto Star* in an interview last month.

A frightened Matta changed his bus route but Arab extremists found him and beat him up on two occasions. They threatened his family if he went to Israeli authorities for help.

Matta flew to Canada in 1990 and was granted a six-month visa. He stayed with friends.

Back in Israel, his family faced nightly telephone threats and Lina was attacked.

Last July, Matta returned to Israel and spent the following three months with relatives. He managed to raise enough money to fly his family to Edmonton in early November.

But only weeks later, immigration officials rejected the family's claims of persecution, mainly for two reasons.

Officials turned them down because they didn't ask Israeli authorities for help when they were being threatened and because Matta spent five months in Israel, unscathed, retrieving his family.

David Kilgour, one of two area members of Parliament who took up Matta's case, finds those reasons weak.

"It's bizarre," Kilgour told *The CJN*. "Someone convinced the policy makers that when he went back for his family, he was safe. But he stayed in hiding, he never answered the phone, never left the house."

Kilgour and MP Jim Edwards wrote to immigration minister Bernard Valcourt three times about the case, but "there was no indication he would move," Kilgour said.

Federal Court refused to grant leave to appeal the case and a last-minute try for a reprieve on humanitarian grounds failed.

As for Matta, his fears have doubled.

He said Israeli officials will grill him for the identities of those who wanted him to blow up the depot, while the Muslim radicals will kill him.

"I feel very, very sorry," he told *The CJN* a few days before his deportation. "I was born in Israel. I lost my job. Now, I can lose everything."

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Blu Greenberg

Outspoken author, feminist and educator, Blu Greenberg personifies the route thousands of Orthodox women in North American have chosen for themselves. For over 20 years, Greenberg has espoused, in numerous articles, books and speeches, that Orthodoxy and feminism need not be diametrically opposed but indeed, can be complementary. Widely recognized as one of the continent's outstanding intellectuals, Greenberg may rile some thinkers on the right but she has clearly found a niche for her ideas, which touch on assimilation, Jewish education, the decline of the Jewish family and Jewish demographics.

Educated in Jewish history and clinical psychology, Greenberg is married to Rabbi Irving Greenberg, founder of the New York City-based National Jewish Resource Centre and himself a world-renowned Jewish thinker. From 1970 to 1977, she taught religious studies at Mount St. Vincent University, except for a sabbatical year in '74-'75, when she was an instructor at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem.

She is involved in a variety of Jewish and women's causes and is the author of How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household and On Women and Judaism: A View From Tradition.

Greenberg was brought here last month by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto for the first of its new Board Development Seminars, an innovative skills development program for board members of federation-affilated agencies.
CJN reporter Ron Csillag spoke with her at length on a number of issues.

CJN: *You often speak of "core Jews" and "potential Jews." What do you mean by those terms?*

Greenberg: "Core Jews" is a term now being used by sociologists and demographers to distinguish Jews who fit the classical definition of the Jew — having a Jewish mother or having converted to Judaism. Of course, some Reform Jews feel patrilineally-descended Jews are core Jews, but others don't.

"Potential Jews" are Jews who are being raised in households where there is a core Jew, or Jews who are married to core Jews. They are not Jews but they have some Jew in their households or connections.

CJN: *As you see it, is "core Jew" an Orthodox definition?*

Greenberg: No, it's not. It's not one neat, tied-up package. The Israeli rabbinate, for example, would not accept a Conservative or Reform conversion. But it fits the category of the generally accepted traditional definition.

CJN: *How do you view the issue of patrilineal descent?*

Greenberg: It was recently dealt a blow by the Conservative movement, which criticized it. I think it was an experiment that did not take into account Jewish unity sufficiently, although Reform Jews will say they tried. It was more oriented to an internal solution than to a *klal Yisroel* solution.

CJN: *Do you see the religious right in North America moving further to the right?*

Greenberg: I think some of it will move further to the right but there will be a lot of correcting of positions. I see two things happening: there will be a greater closing off, of increased isolation. This is characteristic not just of the right, but of each of the denominations. The other is greater awareness, the desire to reach out and build relationships.

CJN: *Where does all this leave Orthodox women?*

Greenberg: A lot has happened in the positive sense. The cup is half full as much as it is half empty. While there's a long way to go, there have been hundreds of what I call a revolution of small signs — small steps that, when added up, constitute a redefinition of women in the religious life of the community. That's very new. Women can be seen and heard in the expression of religious experience.

CJN: *Are Orthodox women being frozen out of Orthodoxy?*

Greenberg: No. There's still a struggle within Orthodoxy for a feminist agenda but I think Orthodox women have made many strides in education and learning. There's been an unbelievable explosion in women's learning in the last two decades. In leadership roles, women now hold positions that used to be unheard of. I recently wrote an article saying women had occupied synagogue offices up to and including vice-president, but that no woman had been president of an Orthodox synagogue. Between the first and final draft, I had to revise it because I learned that there are two women in the United States and one in Australia who are presidents of Orthodox synagogues. That's a pretty far cry from 1929, when women couldn't even vote or be members of Orthodox synagogues. There are women's prayer groups, basically within the modern Orthodox community, which are growing and strong.

Blu Greenberg

In terms of *get* (Jewish divorce), there are still many instances of blackmail. In the last two decades, I would say the community has gone through at least six difference stages of response. We haven't yet moved to a sufficient resolution of the problem, but we're on the way. Stages began with denial, then moved to apologetics, handwringing, court solutions, pre-nuptial agreements. The stage we're at now is activism: intervention with recalcitrant husbands and something fairly new: protests and sanctions. Now it's not just the private problem of the *agunah* (a woman whose husband refuses to grant a Jewish divorce).

CJN: *Can you see foresee there being an Orthodox female rabbi?*

Greenberg: Yes, absolutely. In fact, I predicted Orthodox women rabbis even before the seminary ordained Conservative female rabbis. The reason I feel stronger about that likelihood is because there are two very powerful things going on. One is this incredible explosion in learning among women. There are thousands of Orthodox women studying Talmud. Among those, there's a certain percentage who are going to make it their life study and those who have already made it their life study. I know Orthodox women who teach Talmud. Among those, some will make up one morning and feel they are ready to study for *smicha* (ordination). They will meet all the other requirements: religiously devout and oriented toward service of community. There's also this very powerful model of women in the liberal denominations serving as rabbis. Those two forces are going to intersect and Orthodox women rabbis will happen.

CJN: *Do you foresee the kind of divisiveness and controversy that's taken place among traditional Conservatives, particularly when it comes to the cantorate, which is no[t] irrevocably split into two camps (those who accept female cantors and those who do not)?*

Greenberg: I'm glad you asked that because it will give me a chance to clarify my answer. I don't think women will serve in Orthodox pulpits. That won't be a feature of the Orthodox female rabbinate. The community is not ready for that. I don't think women themselves are ready for that, nor would they want to mount that battle. So I see it like everything else in Orthodoxy. It will happen in stages. But perhaps my prediction is pessimistic about that final piece falling into place. First, it will be women teachers of Talmud. There may be women serving as chaplains or women's *tefillah* (prayer) groups, or women writing *t'shuvot* (responses to halachic question) or women performing other functions in the community that may require the title of rabbi, as in interfaith work. It's not a comfortable issue in the Orthodox community but I would say there's a growing number of people who would affirm the likelihood.

CJN: *But as the power of women increases, can you see Orthodoxy splitting on the issue of female clergy?*

Greenberg: Look, a woman as a cantor is more problematic halachically than a woman as a rabbi. It could be because the whole issue was so remote from consciousness that it wasn't thoroughly thrashed through the sources, and therefore never raised. The route women have taken in terms of liturgical experience is they have organized women tefillot and they've done it in a way that is halachically correct. There are those who will say it's just a radical feminist meeting that has nothing to do with Jewish prayer. Nevertheless, I think those who have studied the issue know it conforms to halacha. Women are very careful. They take care not to call it a women's minyan. They call it a women's prayer group, no matter that their detractors call it a women's minyan.

CJN: *Are feminism and Orthodoxy mutually exclusive?*

Greenberg: My answer is, or course, no. There's been a tremendous impact of feminism, even though it's sometimes denied. You see little signs. I noticed, for example this past Rosh Hashanah that women sang with more gusto, will full voices, not holding themselves back. That's how you should sing. They are not only not mutually exclusive but are compatible. There's a creative tension that exists.

But I'm sad to think I see an increasing split in Orthodoxy when it comes to the women's issue. I don't know what can be done about that. To hold women back because of a threat of divisiveness is not sufficient. Women's equity and experience shouldn't be sacrificed because of a threat by another branch of Orthodoxy of separating. Women as rabbis is totally revolting to some in the Orthodox community and yet, is meeting with increasing acceptance in other segments of the Orthodox community. We'll just have to see how it plays itself out.

CJN: *A few years ago, your husband authored a study in which he said that if current forces are left unchecked, North American Jewry will split into two hostile camps where Orthodoxy will refuse to recognize millions of Reform and Conservative Jews. Do you feel the same way?*

Greenberg: It was to my husband's credit for sounding that alarm. I see movement in both directions. There have been pockets of cooperation but at the same time, there has been more arching of spines and of saying, "You go your way and I'll go mine," and of who can use the mikvah and whose children have to be reconverted to get into day schools.

CJN: *Should we be pre-occupied with the projections or should we be more concerned with the here and now?*

Greenberg: We should be more pre-occupied with the projections. Crisis intervention is more natural and in a certain sense is easier because it's hitting you over the head. Great Jewish communities are communities that look down the road and try to change direction. I prefer to call it prevention and social engineering. I don't think we look down the road enough and organize our resources as well as we could. I know there are many leaders trying to figure out what to do for 25 years from now. The general community should follow that model.

CJN: *You've done your own population study, which you've described as a "shocker." Why?*

Greenberg: Intermarriage stands at 52 percent, Jewish divorce at 50 percent. Shocking and unbelievable.

There are very serious problems and real crises facing the community on the one hand. On the other hand, there is such an incredible pool of talent, of commitment, of people who put the Jewish community as their number one priority. People not only feel the urgency of the issue but also feel the blessing and gift of being involved in Jewish commual life and the privilege of rising to Jewish leadership.

The News In Brief

'Ketubot' exposed

ACRE — A forger of religious marriage contracts (ketubot) was uncovered recently when a woman applying to register as a Jew at the local rabbinical court presented as supporting evidence a ketuba that had been written and signed on the Sabbath.

When the examining rabbis informed her the ketuba was obviously a forgery, she admitted being a gentile and told them she had bought the document before leaving the Soviet Union so that she and her husband, a Jew, could avoid problems in Israel.

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Jerusalem mosaic vandalized

JERUSALEM — A mosaic at a controversial Jerusalem dig was found partially covered with black paint on Sunday. Archeologists charged that ultra-orthodox Jews opposed to the excavations were responsible. Damage to the mosaic, from the Byzantine period, may have been irreversible, said the Antiquities Department spokeswoman.

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Photographers to meet in Israel

JERUSALEM — The prestigious International Professional Photographers Association has decided to hold its annual conference at the Hadassah College in Jerusalem this spring, a Haddasah spokesman said.

For the first time, over 250 of the leading photographers from around the world are expected to come to Jerusalem, including representatives from eastern Europe and China.

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TV program wins U.S. award

JERUSALEM — *Shalom Sum-Sum*, an Israeli production based on the *Sesame Street* series, recently won both gold and silver medals at a New York international film festival dedicated to children's programming.

The eight-part program, co-produced by Israel's Educational Television and CTV of the United States won the gold medal.

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Citizenship rights

BONN — The offspring of German Jews who left for Palestine in the 1930s are entitled to German citizenship, a Berlin court has ruled.

The court issued the ruling after several Jews sued the government for refusing their request to be issued German passports. Berlin authorities had argued that the plaintiffs did not qualify for automatic German citizenship, saying their parents had left Germany of their own volition and had voluntarily applied for citizenship of the British Mandate in Palestine.

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IPO plays Wagner

TEL AVIV — After weeks of controversy aired around the world, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra went ahead Dec. 27 and played music by Richard Wagner. But the program took place in the guise of a working rehearsal, before a carefully screened audience.

The audience of about 600 invited guests included family and friends of musicians, as well as music students from conservatories around the country. They entered the concert hall through side door under the scrutiny of security guards.

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German church to purge texts

BONN — The Protestant church in Germany has acknowledged that anti-Jewish passages still exist in its texts and is determined to purge them.

A 60-page study published by the EKD concluded that all texts must be screened anew for anti-Jewish bias. An effort undertaken in 1975 apparently fell short of its goal, the study found. The population of united Germany is more than 50 percent Protestant.

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Dutch aid absorption

AMSTERDAM — The Dutch government has given Israel emergency assistance in the amount of $500,000 to help resettle immigrants from Ethiopia, subject to one condition.

The grant will be strictly supervised by the Netherlands Embassy in Israel to make sure that the immigrants are not housed or settled in the territories.

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Israel, Ukraine establish ties

JERUSALEM — Israel has established diplomatic relations with Ukraine. Foreign Ministry deputy director-general Dr. Yosef Govrin said that Israel would formally establish diplomatic relations with the three Baltic states to be followed by Uzbekistan and Khazakistan.

Foreign Minister David Levy has informed the Knesset that Israel is committed to establishing diplomatic relations with all of the former Soviet republics.

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Record $993M raised by Israel Bonds

JERUSALEM — Israel Bonds registered a record $993 million in sales last year throughout the world.

Israel Bonds president Dr. Meir Rosenne, who announced the record figure, said it represented a 28.7 per cent increase over the amount raised in 1990.

All the money raised by Israel Bonds this year is going directly to the state budget and will be used exclusively for aliya absorption, especially for creating jobs for immigrants and solving their housing problems.

Economy drops, investments up

JERUSALEM — A drop in domestic demand combined with the decrease in immigration rates and the worldwide recession has brought on a significant slowdown in economic activity during the second half of 1991, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel has announced.

He added, however, that despite the drop in economic activity, the level of investment has increased, especially in export industries.

The central bank governor said that he expects inflation in 1992 to drop to 15 percent, from this year's 18 to 19 percent level, since the rise in housing prices that spurred inflation this year has abated.

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Tear gas maker sued

LOS ANGELES — A California firm supplying tear gas to Israel is being sued for alleged responsibility in the deaths of eight Palestinians.

The suit accuses TransTechnology of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and its manufacturing division, Federal Laboratories of Saltsburg, Pa., of selling tear gas to Israel, even though they knew their product would be used recklessly by the Israeli military, resulting in multiple civilian deaths.

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Olim finding jobs in their field

JERUSALEM — Only one-third of the new Soviet immigrants are working in their field, and the rest see their present jobs as weigh-stations before landing a job in their professions according to Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz.

Peretz said that the number of employed immigrants increased from 50,000 to 65,000 in less than two months. "This 30 percent increase points to a revitalization of the economy," he said.

Peretz said that some 25,000 immigrants are unemployed, 30,000 still in ulpan courses and 10,000 in retraining courses.

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Institute to study aging

MONTREAL — The Senate of Tel Aviv University has approved the founding of the Rosita and Esteben Herczeg Institute of Research into Aging.

The interdisciplinary Institute will have research input from all the university faculties, especially Social Sciences and the Sackler faculty of Medicine.

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Husseini pelted with stones

JERUSALEM — Islamic fundamentalists pelted leading Palestinian activist Faisal Husseini with bottles and stones, attacked hundreds of supporters and ripped up chairs when he spoke at a meeting in a cinema in the West Bank town of Tulkarm to promote the peace process.

The Islamicists shouted "we don't want a peace process of surrender."

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One killed by bomb

ROSH HANIKRA — A South Lebanese Army (SLA) soldier was killed by a bomb and four others wounded — two of them seriously — as Hezbullah gunmen stepped up attacks against the security zone in south Lebanon last week.

In another incident, SLA troops discovered and safely dismantled three remote-controlled Katyusha rocket launchers ready to be fired towards Israel.

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Soldiers hurt in gun battle

JERUSALEM — An armed Palestinian terrorist was killed and two Israeli soldiers wounded in a gun battle near the West Bank town of Jenin on Friday. The clash occurred in a wooded area of the village of Umm et-Tut.

The IDF identified the slain man as Mohammed Ali Madras, a member of the Black Panthers gang affiliated with Fatah, from the nearby village of Kabatiya, who had been wanted since last April.

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Detecting the HIV virus

JERUSALEM — Israeli scientists have announced a simple, quick, inexpensive method of detecting the HIV virus which causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome, known as AIDS, as well as other viruses in the human system.

According to researchers in the Department of Molecular Genetics at the Hadassah Medical School, the new method is especially effective in identifying the AIDS virus in infants born to parents with the virus.

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Ethiopian olim hurting

JERUSALEM — Some 27 percent of Ethiopian immigrants suffer from severe psychopathological symptoms such as anxiety, depression, psychosomatic illness, nightmares and insomnia, according to a study.

The study, conducted by researchers at the Pardesiya psychiatric hospital, also found that 60 percent were unhappy with their knowledge of Hebrew, their financial situation, the attitude of religious institutions toward the Ethiopian community or secularism among veteran Israelis.

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Nehama Porat, was wounded when three shots were fired at her car by unknown Arabs near the settlement of Elon Moreh. Porat's daughter, Tizra, was killed by a bullet in April, 1988. Here, Jim Solomon (right) from Los Angeles and Ron Nachman, mayor of Ariel, examine the bullet marks on the car. Solomon is running for the U.S. Congress at the next election. [IPPA photo]

Jews injured in Budapest attack

BUDAPEST (JTA) —

The Jewish Agency will continue to fly Soviet emigres to Israel via Budapest despite a terrorist bomb attack last week on a bus shuttling 28 of them from the downtown railroad station to the aliyah shelter near Budapest's international airport.

Four of the emigres sustained minor injuries in the bombing. Four policemen in a vehicle escorting the bus were more seriously hurt, two of whom were reported in critical condition.

The attack was reported to be the first ever on Soviet Jews passing through the Hungarian capital bound for Israel. At least 160,000 have travelled via Budapest since mass emigration from the former Soviet Union began in 1989.

The bombing was condemned by Hungarian Interior Minister Peter Boross in a statement to Parliament. He called it a "grave and unprecedented attack by professional terrorists."

A ranking police official said at a news conference that eyewitnesses reported spotting two Arabs near the car shortly before the bomb exploded.

Forensic experts estimated the bomb contained over 200 pounds of explosives.

Israel's ambassador to Hungary, David Kraus, assumed the bombing was the work of Arab terrorists bent on stopping the flow of emigres to Israel. He said his country would retaliate.

In Jerusalem, the Israel Defence Force radio quoted Foreign Minister David Levy as saying, "Israel not only has the tools but the ability to frustrate" such attacks.

The bomb, detonated by remote control, exploded at 9:50 a.m. local time, seconds after the bus passed the parked car it was concealed in, the Jewish Agency said.

The bus windows were blown out, and the rear of the vehicle caught fire. But passengers did not panic, Gabor Ban, a Jewish Agency official, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Ban, who was riding with the olim at the front of the bus, said he was lifted from his seat by the explosion.

"When I realized I was alive," he said, he looked to the rear to confirm that the other passengers, including six young children and two infants, were also alive.

They got off the bus in an orderly manner and walked to a shelter at the airport parking lot a short distance away.

The immigrants were later reported by the Jewish Agency to have arrived safely at a hostel, where a physician and a psychologist were on hand as a precautionary measure.

The hostel manager, Peter Fried, reported their morale was good, and they seem to have withstood the shock fairly well. He said the group was prepared to leave for Israel on an El Al flight the following day.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger deplored the bomb attack.

Scheininger was grateful that there were no deaths as a result of the incident. He expressed the Canadian Jewish community's sympathy to the Hungarian police officers who were seriously injured in the blast.

"This is another example that shows the battle against international terrorism is far from over and that its supporters continue through violent means to try and prevent Jews from emigrating to their homeland," stated Scheininger.

"Whoever is responsible for this vicious act should know that Jews will continue to emigrate to Israel. Close to 400,000 Jews have come to Israel from the Soviet Union in the last two years alone. That number will only grow. These people will not be intimidated."

In Israel, Uri Gordon, head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, said the agency will continue regular operations at its Budapest transit station, regardless of the terrorist attack.

The centre has processed 160,000 Soviet Jews since it opened in May 1990, Gordon said, and there is no intention to shut it down.

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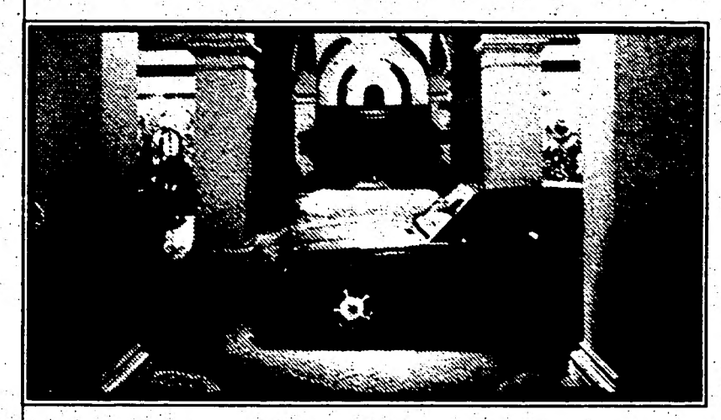

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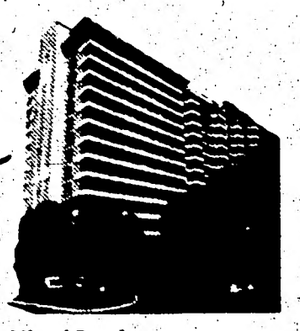

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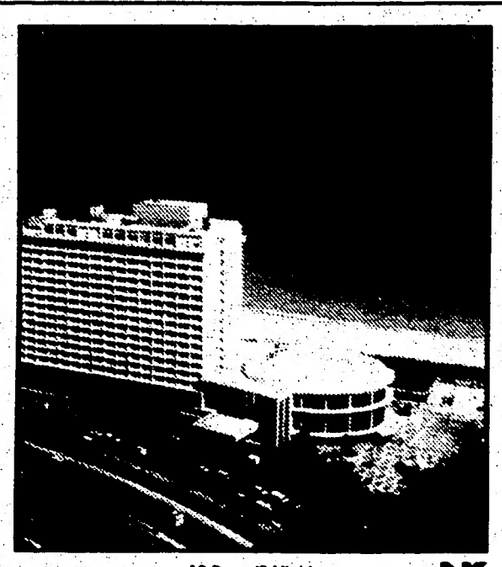

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Front Line

Gorbachev was a victim of his own reforms

COMMENTARY

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

At the beginning he was the hope of the U.S.S.R. and to the last moment — the darling of the West. We shall never know if Mikhail Gorbachev could have done better. He was the genuine product of a seemingly plausible ideology disgraced by generations of brutal practitioners and redeemable, so he thought, by benign reform. He believed that he could rescue the system from the catastrophic results of malpractice and make it work in freedom.

But he was too self-assured, too proud, too irresolute, too unprepared for setbacks, too impressed by his impact on the world scene and too detached from the home-front. He was overpowered by the chaos produced by his own half-measures. He unwittingly destroyed the old structure and was sabotaged by its main beneficiary and main victim of reform, the nomenklatura.

This is the accepted judgement that will haunt him for as long as he lives. He will not be a non-person in his own country or an eclipsed world figure, but a sad and embarrassing reminder of a vanishing hope. Yet, he has accomplished a lot by shaking the lethargy of his people and one should wait before writing him off.

Why are we all sorry to see him go and why has he earned such a favorite place in world opinion? Why will he go down in history as one of the greatest personalities of this fading century, when the mess he leaves behind is likely to produce chaos in and beyond the frontiers of the land-mass that was once the Soviet Union?

It was surely not his intention to see the superpower he inherited falling apart, the empire disintegrating like a miserable cardhouse, his frightening threat dissolving into anarchy, its 30,000 nuclear warheads becoming a balast and above all even an internal threat, all these the unforseen by-products of the relaxation of the brutal regime he so assiduously tried to replace.

Yeshayahu Anug

The outside world was not ready for the pace of the change and applauded it enthusiastically, and gave him the Nobel Prize for Peace for ending the Cold War. But what consolation is this for a leader, whose principal commitment was to his own people, who blame him — and not themselves — for their empty shelves and for their bleak future?

Jews were as thrilled as were others (even more so, as it always is) by Gorbachev, the radiant reformer. Major and minor figures of the Jewish political economic and even intellectual establishment abroad and in Israel were eager to explore the new conditions in the U.S.S.R. and were frequently received by a hospitable and friendly Gorbachev in his Kremlin office. He needed help and got some. Some of these publicized and other less-known encounters made their impact on Jewish life and on Soviet-Jewish-Israeli relations.

In Moscow, names of Jewish intellectuals, previously rejected, could be found amongst the proliferating teams of his advisers, eager to participate in the great effort of rebuilding. But at the same time, hundreds of thousands used the newly found freedom to leave the country for better perspectives in Israel and elsewhere. Freedom also released religion from decades of seclusion and houses of worship, churches, mosques and synagogues reopened everywhere. Jewish community life could now be reactivated and the study of Hebrew had ceased to be a crime. Relations with Israel were normalized.

But freedom of expression- the legitimate by-product of glasnost, — inevitably included a measured tolerance of anti-Semitism, which gradually gathered strength, as disillusion and dissatisfaction over the failure of perestroika to provide food for the masses became more and more apparent.

Nothing epitomized the complexity of Jewish involvement in the last stages of the agony of the Soviet state more pointedly than the touching case Ilya Krichevsky, shot by the putchists while defending freedom in August and whose remains, covered by a tallis, and comforted by a kaddish, were brought to rest during the state-funeral on a sunny Saturday in Moscow.

Now reality is becoming even more complicated. Nobody anywhere can reliably predict what will happen now that Gorbachev, who had symbolized an existing, though fragile order, has been removed by the ebullient and unpredictable Boris Yeltsin.Nor how the dismembered giant-country will fare now that its discredited, yet unitary red flag, has been replaced by the once ominous banner of the czars on the Kremlin cupola.

When Russia and the other "soyereign republics" are in the hands of leaders allegedly converted to democracy and while the hungry masses are in a state of impatient convulsion. How can Jews, who live in most of them, be expected to identify with so many nationalist rivalries, after having for decades been so unsuccessful in coping with the challenges of the Soviet, but supernational brand of socialism?

And will those, who will try their best to stay and cope, be accepted by the bulk of their co-citizens or will they not only be rejected, but also become the scapegoats of the great discontent? In the weeks and months to come, when the future of the former Soviet Union will be one of the world's most dramatic preoccupations, these specific aspects will keep the Jewish world in suspense. Alarmistic rhetorics must be supressed. Instead, imaginative planning must be devoted to confront every contingency, including the possibility that in spite of the prevailing pessimism, conditions in the former Soviet Union will gradually stabilize and not degenerate into uncontrollable chaos.

The greatest international effort, which must include Israel and the Jews worldwide, must be dedicated to help the principal single components of the ex-U.S.S.R. to find their internal balances. This is a distinct possibility and should be assisted.

But regardless, all gates must remain wide open for a more massive exodus of Jews. In the first place, those of Israel. But given the difficulties encountered by the hundreds of thousands who are already here and the unlikelihood that the outlook will change during the current year as a result of Israeli policies alone, it will be the inescapable duty of western Jewry to play a much more meaningful and active role than it did up to now in the Israeli absorption process.

Otherwise — and maybe in addition — it will have to confront the obligation to help open other gates to the prospective emigrants in search of a future.

ANALYSIS

Jews of Germany have unpacked their suitcases

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

(Third of a series)

The golden domes of the Oranienburgerstrasse synagogue (the Liberal 'Neue Synagogue' destroyed in 1943) glisten above the shabby East Berlin street. Its restoration almost finished, the elaborate facade bears witness to the brilliance and wealth of 19th-century German Jewry.

But a building is easier to restore than a community. The Oranienburger synagogue will be reopened — as a museum.

Are the Jews of Germany — a mere 33,000, by official count, in a nation of 80 million — an accidental remnant in a country whose Jewish community no longer exists? Or are they about to establish a new Jewish presence in one of the oldest lands of the western diaspora?

Is there a future for Jews in Germany?

That question dominated all the contacts — official and unofficial — our group of North American Jewish journalists had with Jews during the 10 days we spent in Germany. Their answers reflected the fears raised by the outburst of attacks on foreigners seeking refugee status under Germany's liberal asylum laws, but the facts of their lives spoke as well.

Chil Rackowski, the 44-year-old executive director of the Munich Jewish community centre, was frank: "We're not very happy with the situation. Jews here talk a lot about it. Many of them are still pointing out that we are still guests here and this is not our home."

Rackowski is the German-born child of "guests" — survivors who spent some time in a postwar displaced persons ("DP") camp. They settled in Munich because his father had tuberculosis.

An estimated 6,000 Jews (out of 200,000 who passed through the DP camps) joined the tiny remnant of German Jewry (another 6,000) who stayed in Germany. They formed the nucleus of a community that grew slowly, partly through returnees and partly through immigration from Eastern Europe.

The community is prosperous. And it is for that reason more than any other that, "guests" or not, many have stayed. Said Rackowski: "They keep on saying we are sitting on packed suitcases, but they don't really think about moving away because they know it's hard." He admitted that he and his wife remained for economic reasons; they are happy that their teenage daughter wants to study medicine in Israel.

Michael Friedman is a Frankfurt lawyer and Jewish community leader. He too is the son of survivors, but unlike Rackowski, born in France. His parents, Polish Jews, moved to Germany for business reasons when he was a child. What he and Rackowski share is a cosmpolitan outlook. Unlike pre-war German Jews, they do not consider Germany their country; it is simply where they live and work. Friedman, whose brother has made aliyah, predicted that more and more of his generation will have two homes, one in Germany and one in New York or Israel.

The expression used officially by Jewish communal organizations — "Jews in Germany" rather than "German Jews" — projects the image of a Jewish community in perpetual transit. But does it reflect reality?

Micha Guttmann, on leave of absence from his job with the German state broadcasting corporation, is the executive director of the Central Council of Jews in Germany; part of the job is acting as publisher of the national Jewish weekly, the *Allgemeine Judische Wochenzeitung*. He does have roots in Germany, perhaps because his parents were among the handful of German Jews who survived, in hiding and with the help of non-Jews, in Berlin. His voice taut with emotion, he told us: "I am not afraid to live as a Jew in Germany. It's not a decision now [for Jews in Germany], to stay or leave. Our decision was made 20 years ago — and we decided to stay.

"For me and for my generation, the suitcases are gone."

Guttmann is committed to rebuilding Jewish life in Germany. "We do feel some guilt that we are living in the country of the Holocaust," he acknowledged, but added, "We have a Jewish life. We have to think about the Holocaust, but we have to develop Jewish life."

A spur to the development of Jewish life in Germany is the recent flood of Soviet Jewish immigrants. Guttmann, who thinks that the actual Jewish population of Germany is now between 50,000 and 55,000, estimates that 10,000 Jews arrived from the U.S.S.R. in 1991. Like other refugee claimants, they are supported by the state, living in hostels until their status is determined. There have been no attacks reported against Soviet Jewish asylum seekers.

They are an awkward subject in any discussion of German-Israeli relations. Benjamin Navon, the Israeli ambassador, told us that "all those people will be lost to the Jewish community. They are needed in Israel, and needed badly." But it would be unthinkable for Germany to close its doors to Jews, and with unemployment rising in Israel, more Jews from the former U.S.S.R. are expected to head west rather than east.

The local Jewish communities in Germany are welcoming them. In Munich, "we feel obliged to help them," Rackowski said; the assistance ranges from a Sunday social hour to finding apartments and jobs. Some members of the Frankfurt Jewish community have formed a Sholom Aleichem Society to help Soviet Jews integrate. And in East Berlin, whose 1,500 Jews were cut off from the formidably well-organized West Berlin community of 7,000, the former East German Communist party offices now house the very unofficial Jewish Cultural Association, which attracts Soviet Jews wary of officialdom.

It is a strange mix: Jews fleeing political and economic chaos in the disintegrating Soviet empire and the children and grandchildren of survivors of the Holocaust who remained in Germany.

The Jews of Germany are no longer sitting on their suitcases. They are, in fact, helping Soviet Jews to unpack theirs.

The Berlin Jewish community centre, built on the site of the famous Fasanenstrasse synagogue destroyed on Kristallnacht. The portal is a relic of the synagogue. [Patricia Rucker photo]

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Gorbachev - A trailblazer

Mikhail Gorbachev was a trailblazer. In less than seven years, he turned the Soviet Union on its head and carved out a place of honor for himself in history.

Gorbachev was a reformer, not a revolutionary. He came to save communism, not to bury it. Realizing that his country was sick in body and in spirit, he attempted to pull it out of its self-inflicted lethargy and sloth. He does not seem to have fully understood that his reformist program would ultimately expose the glaring contradictions and failings of the communist command-and-control system, and doom it to destruction.

Although Gorbachev will be remembered as the last in a line of Soviet Communist leaders, his real accomplishments will not be forgotten.

With glasnost, Gorbachev renovated the creaky structure of the Soviet Union. He introduced concepts which we in the West take for granted but which were geunine breakthroughs in the former Soviet Union — freedom of expression, assembly, religion and emigration. Gorbachev's progressive policies, which stand in stark contrast to those of his predecessors, were of benefit to all minorities, especially Jews. For the first time in decades, Jews felt reasonably free. Those who elected to remain behind could practise their religion and revel in their culture without feeling intimidated. Those who opted to leave could obtain an exit visa in short order.

Gorbachev let the people of Eastern Europe go their own way. He did not try to impose his will on them when they overthrew their undemocratic, corrupt governments. Gorbachev, too, helped end the Cold War, which had triggered an extraordinarily expensive and dangerous arms race.

Thanks to Gorbachev, Moscow broke with the past and formulated a more balanced Middle East policy. He re-established relations with Israel. He convinced the PLO to moderate its attitude toward the Jewish state. He co-operated with the United States in last year's Persian Gulf crisis. He worked with Washington to lay the groundwork for a Middle East peace conference.

Gorbachev was a pivotal figure whose achievements far outdistanced his failings.

Historical reservoirs

For almost 20 years after the end of World War II and the Holocaust — which was Hitler's war against the Jews — relatively few memoirs and diaries emerged from the Holocaust survivors.

The reasons were obvious: the trauma they had experienced had numbed them. In order to regain their emotional equilibrium, many survivors tried to repress their memories of the unspeakable events which they had experienced.

Beginning in the 1960s, the repression mechanisms were relaxed and a small stream of Holocaust memoirs began to emerge. By the 1980s and 1990s this had become a torrent and now a whole library of such material can be assembled.

This is a development that should be welcomed.

First, as the survivors grow old and die there are fewer and fewer eyewitnesses to the horrendous events of the Holocaust. It is important therefore that survivors be urged to commit to paper or tape their memory of the destruction of European Jewry. The survivors embody the living experience of the tragic past.

Second, the alarming growth of the revisionist Holocaust denial syndrome — the new anti-Semitism — requires vigorous confrontation. The written and oral legacy of those that were there can be of inestimable help in setting the record straight about the magnitude and devastation of the Holocaust.

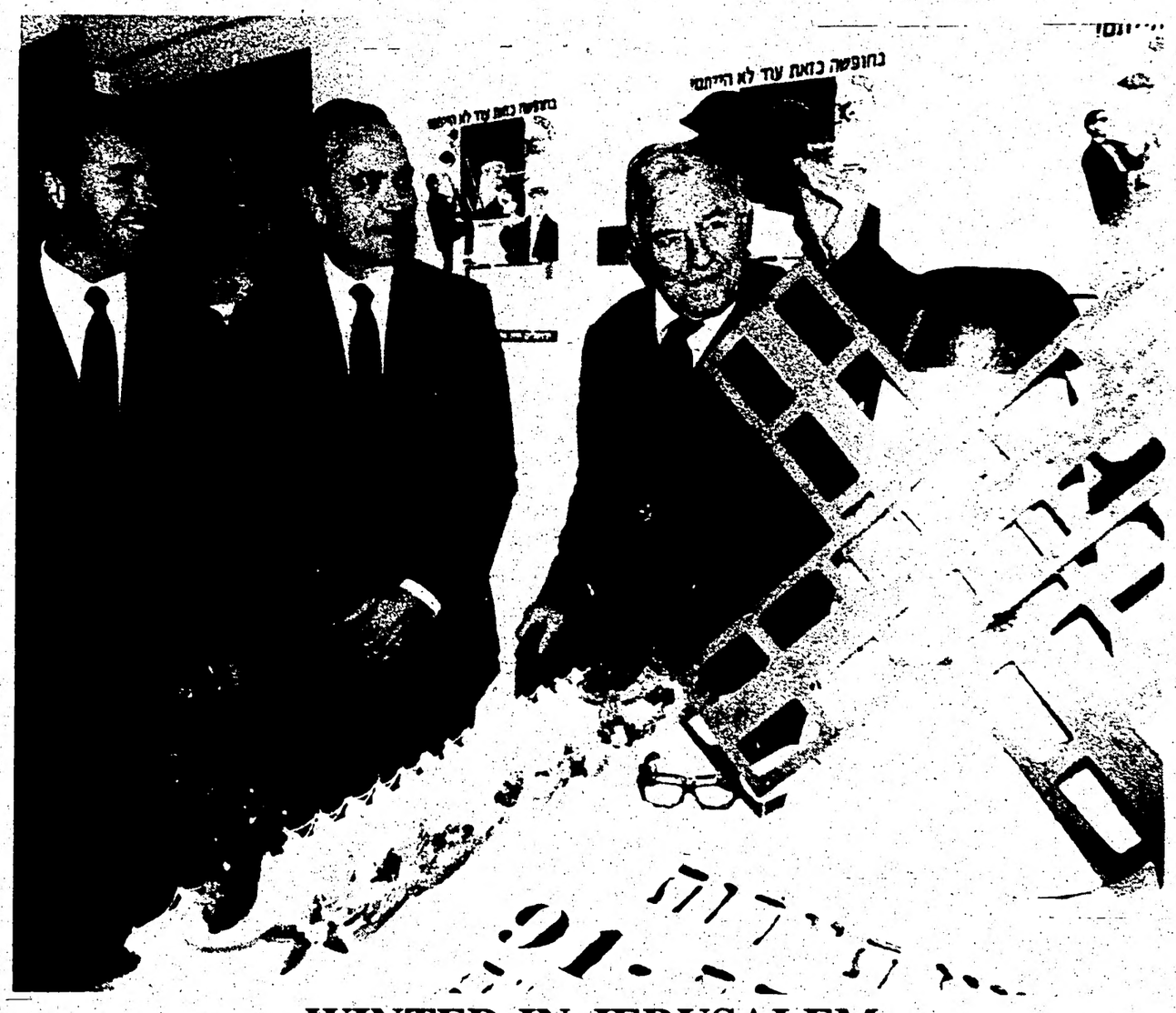
Third, studies have shown that when Holocaust survivors write about their experiences, the unlocking of secret recesses in the brain can have salutary effects for the individual.

Dr. James W. Pennebaker of the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex. studied a group of Holocaust survivors who spent 20 minutes a day for four days, writing about their experiences. At the conclusion of this exercise he had their blood pressure, heart rates and general health checked.

His findings published in *Opening Up* (Avon) indicates that daily writing for short periods "creates a more positive outlook . . . writing is a great relaxer." In the case of the Holocaust survivors, the writing experience required them to confront openly, sometimes for the first time, bitter personal memories.

Holocaust diaries and journals are, of course, a unique kind of literature because in that genre a word represents a paragraph, a paragraph represents a page and a page an entire book of lifetime experiences.

These documents are the precious legacy of European Jews who traversed the pavement of hell. Their personal testimonies do more than provide a catharsis for the writer; they provide the historical reservoir for the future generations.



WINTER IN JERUSALEM

Israel's minister of tourism, Gideon Patt, (centre) and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolleck (right) inaugurate the campaign to encourage winter tourism to Jerusalem. Sun-seekers, mostly from northern Europe, usually confine their winter visit to Israel to the Red Sea resort of Eilat. The Ministry of Tourism is trying to promote all the historical and religious sites and the good rates in the hotels in Jerusalem where the service is on par with the best international hotels. The city offers some of the best restaurants in Israel and has a full program of theatre and concerts. Winter evenings in Jerusalem are cold and clear and the days are bright and mild. Snow is unusual although light snow flurries, which soon stop and rarely settle, can be seen two or three times a year. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

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MP SPOKE TO NO SYRIAN JEW

It was with great distress that I read the comments made by MP Jesse Flis, just back from a Canada-Arab World Parliamentary Association "mission" to Syria (CJN December 11: "Toronto MP visits Syria).

Mr. Flis, the Liberal member for the Toronto riding of Parkdale-High Park, makes the amazing assessment that Syria's Jews are treated as well as non-Jews, that they "do a thriving business" and most don't want to leave! And all that determination by Mr. Flis is based upon not having spoken to one Jew in Syria and, indeed, after admitting ingenuously that he could not distinguish who was Jewish and who was an Arab!

It was not as if Mr. Flis did not have available to him ample information as to the pitiful condition of Syria's Jewish community and the Jews held in prison there. Prior to leaving for his trip, I provided Mr. Flis with ample documentation of the real circumstances of the Jewish community and which he could have confirmed first-hand had he wished to do so.

The views of Mr. Flis under these kinds of circumstances are not very creditable.

Judy Feld Carr
National Task Force for Syrian Jews
Toronto

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Nehemia Persoff and Cynthia Mace

DOWN ON TWO

I returned from the Leah Posluns Theatre after seeing a play called Two starring Nehemia Persoff and Cynthia Mace. To say I enjoyed it would be an outright lie. As a Jew I found the play downright offensive. It portrayed both Jews and Judaism in a very derogatory light.

The fact that it was shown in a Jewish venue such as the Leah Posluns Theatre makes it all the more galling.

Herb Landis
Toronto

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NO GOLDEN WEDDING PARTY

Plaudits to Benjamin Macarz and Darren Katz for giving up what were surely long-anticipated bar mitzvah gifts in order to help a charitable cause of their choice (Bar Mitzvah boy supports hospital-CJN Dec. 26). They and their parents have set a fine example of charity, in the best Jewish tradition, that one hopes will be followed by many others.

Not only youngsters have this opportunity, but oldsters too. We have decided to forego our Golden wedding anniversary celebration in order to make some extra money available for our own favorite charities. You might call it a Golden Opportunity!

Ben and Maya Etkin
Toronto

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LOSES RESPECT FOR CCLA

Re: CJC opposing CCLA position-CJN Dec. 19, Canadian Jewish Congress is to be congratulated for their moral courage and tenacity. To launch a justifiable Charter case against the provincial government and at the same time take on the absurd intervention of A. Alan Borovoy and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association is a tall order.

It is beyond any reasonable doubt that government financial support to one religious group above all others is discrimination pure and simple. The Ontario government's refusal to provide equal funds to all religious schools and support only the Roman Catholics smacks of a form of religious bigotry unparalleled in Canada or I would guess any democratic nation. Any respect I have had for Mr. Borovoy is now completely diminished as a result of his decision to support this bigotry.

Trudy S. Shecter
Chair, Parents Sub-Committee for Public Funding of Day Schools
Toronto

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WE GOOFED

I read with interest the recent article by Cynthia Gasner on the wedding anniversary celebrations of Fay and Harvie Morris.

What an accomplishment . . . six score and 10 years . . . wow! And they don't look a day under. . . .

Anyone who is familiar with the Gettysburg Address surely knows the three score and ten etc. And everyone surely knows the value of a score to be 20.

Shirley Vernon
Toronto

Opinion

Borovoy fights City Hall within the law

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Alan Borovoy is one of Canada's best known Jews. His fame rests primarily on his activities as director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, a post which he has held since 1968. An unswerving opponent of restrictive authority, he has earned both the admiration and displeasure of many people — most of the latter in government. Often, when everybody seemed to acquiesce to some development imposed by authorities of one kind or another, Borovoy has said a firm "No," and frequently won his case.

A few years ago, when he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, he was overheard to muse: "Having resisted orders of government so often I am inclined to object to this one as well. After all, people might think that I am now a member of the Establishment." But he did accept the honor after all.

Now Borovoy has published a new book which has an engaging title. Called *Uncivil Obedience* it is a collection of incidents of how he and his organization managed to fight City Hall and did so entirely within the law and with very little money. The book has the subtitle "The Tactics and Tales of the Democratic Agitator" — and these make indeed for good reading.

Rabbi Plaut

"What follows (says Borovoy) is essentially a treatise on tactics for raising hell without breaking the law. The relevance of this experience is its universal applicability." Borovoy believes — and the spirit of the book bears it out — that learning to fight City Hall is the essence of a democratic community. When people acquiesce in what they perceive to be an unjust authoritarian intrusion into their lives, they weaken democracy, but when they fight the issue with lawful means, they make the democratic process work as it was meant to.

Why did he write the book and why did he give scores of examples from his rich experience? Because "there appears to be a widespread lack of familiarity with the way that the democratic system operates. . . . Unique among the governments in this world it depends upon its citizens to run the show. To whatever extent they are unequal to the task, the system could be in trouble . . . To a great extent the viability of democratic institutions depends upon people believing that legal tasks can protect and promote their interest."

The displeasure which Borovoy often aroused when he took certain positions has on occasion also been felt in the Jewish community. Although he has always been a staunch member of Jewish organizations and for years on end has participated in the deliberations of the Joint Community Relations Council, some of his fellow Jews have looked at him from time to time with raised eyebrows and wondered whether his position might not be harmful to the Jewish community. Borovoy managed to weather these criticisms, for he was and is convinced that unfettered freedom of expression will in the long run protect the Jewish community better than temporary interventions by government and law.

Thus, he remains opposed to anti-hate legislation, fearing that in the end it may be turned against the very same people who now support it. Or, back in 1990, he took a position on the case of a Scarborough girl who wore a T-shirt that showed a map of Jerusalem and Palestine, a clenched fist holding a Palestinian flag, and the words: "We fight for our right." The girl was disciplined by the school authorities, but Borovoy thought that in the Canadian context her advocacy represented her free right of expression, which did not disparage Jews as such. Writes Borovoy:

"If the prohibition could apply to the kind of pro-Palestinian sentiment expressed here, it could also serve to ban T-shirts that were being worn to welcome Nelson Mandela on his visit to Toronto. After all, Mandela had explicitly refused to disavow violence in the context of his struggle against South African apartheid."

Actions like these have caused some Jews to be suspicious of Borovoy. That is a pity, for such an attitude recognizes neither the legitimacy of dissent nor the great contribution that this staunch fighter for democracy has made to all of us. Civil liberties should not be a sometime-thing — supported when we like it and opposed when we don't.

The slim book, conceived as a kind of manual, records primarily Borovoy's successes and not his failures. Even so, it sustains the reader's interest and makes me proud to have this charming and modest man as a member of our community.

Star Trek provides model for messianic future

By
ARNOLD AGES

Joseph Klausner, the great historian of Hebrew literature, noted once that messianism was one of the most precious gems in the diadem of Judaism. Northrop Frye, viewing the same phenomenon from his own perspective, did not share Klausner's view.

In fact, he suggested that the messianic idea of a future age in which Israel would be triumphant, was a loser's vision entertained by a people that never made it in imperial politics like the other nations of the Near East.

Be that as it may, messianism has continued to influence nations and individuals over the centuries because unlike the Greek notion of a golden age in the past (and hence irretrievable) Judaism's doctrine concerns the ideal future to which humankind can aspire.

It is messianism which gave Jews the will to hope and survive throughout the ages and in its secular form messianism fuels the search for the perfect political model.

Star Trek and *Star Trek: The Next Generation* are television programs which have translated the messianic resonances of Judaism and Jewish lore into a weekly saga in which the protagonists on the space ship Enterprise deal constantly with the shaping of a perfect environment several centuries hence.

I am not suggesting that Gene Rodenberry, the creator of the *Star Trek* series, was consciously using messianic concepts when he boldly sent his space ship into the nether regions of the galaxies searching out new life. It seems possible, however, that Rodenberry, like many other science fiction writers, had acquired through a kind of cultural osmosis, the glimpse into the utopian future that is the hallmark of messianism.

Arnold Ages

Of course, the members of the crew are no losers looking for a future panacea for present and past disasters. On the contrary, they come as victors to the stars with an armamentarium more powerful than any of their potential enemies.

Yet the very presence of the Enterprise in space is the result of a messianic era on Earth in which a world federation composed of previously warring nation states have apparently worked out a peaceful modus vivendi and have concerted efforts to explore the firmaments.

The multi-racial and multi-national nature of the crew itself attests to the harmony among nations that has been achieved on Earth. That harmony has been extended even to some quadrants of the galaxy because the Enterprise's crew also consists of extra-terrestrial beings who fit quite congenially into the star ship.

One of the major thematic thrusts of the film and television versions of *Star Trek* is the search for perfect worlds or in their absence, their creation. The Genesis Project in the second *Star Trek* film saw scientists take a barren planet and fructify it with a missile that transforms a dead, airless celestial body into a global Garden of Eden. This is the Jewish doctrine of Tikun Olam (perfecting the world) carried to a glorious conclusion.

Those who effect the transformation are travelers on a huge star ship that circumnavigate the universe and rarely ever return to home base on earth. Thus the denizens of the Enterprise are in effect in exile. In their contracts with alien civilizations, however, the captain and crew of the vessel always manage to deploy sufficient intelligence to overcome the most formidable of foes.

The source of that intelligence is the marginality and hence objectivity of captains Kirk and Picard. This allows them to triumph over adversity. The paradigm for this, it may be argued, is the Jewish dispersion and the survival techniques which Jews honed in their encounters with strange and menacing civilizations. Like the Jews, those on board the Enterprise are ready to learn to breathe under water (or in a vacuum) if necessary, in order to guarantee survival.

It is interesting to note, moreover, that the crew of the Enterprise in its three different film and television incarnations, never betray the slightest unease with alien creatures they encounter on exotic planets or those who roam around the Enterprise's bar and recreation areas.

The message here is quite clear: in the messianic future intergalactic bigotry is asbsent even if universal peace is still a distant goal. All creatures are equal and deserving of respect. The tolerance displayed towards non human creatures recalls the special rabbinic blessing required when one sees strange creatures: "Blessed art thou O Lord God of the universe who has favored variety in the created world."

There is little doubt that when the Talmud and the Sefer Yezirah refer to that other strange creature, the Golem, it was in connection with messianic help in mind. Later when Rabbi Judah Loew of Prague extrapolated from the Talmudic matrix and produced his own vision of that first of the cyborgs, his Golem, thereafter a part of Jewish folklore, was programmed to help his people.

The Golem has reappeared on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. He is called Data and like his Prague predecessor is an artificial being whose sole function is to assist his human colleagues on board the space ship. His makers have arranged his circuits so that he is unable to turn against his crew mates.

Endowed with superhuman intelligence (if not wisdom) and physical strength, he is dedicated to protecting his community. Like the Golem, however, Data hankers after human sensitivity and some of *Star Trek: The Next Generation's* most poignant moments occur when Data existentially ponders his own status.

In a general way that is the charm of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and its film and television cousins — they make us ponder our own status as human beings.

J. B. will return

J.B. Salsberg is preparing for his annual exodus to Florida. He will return in his usual spot next issue.

War closes gap between generations in Israel

By
RABBI DAVID J. FORMAN

My daughter was born in Jerusalem during the Yom Kippur War. The excitement my wife and I felt at the birth of our first-born child was tempered by the ravages of a war that would claim thousands of lives, both Jewish and Arab. We almost felt guilty about the unabashed joy we experienced.

At the time of our daughter's birth, we hoped for many things. We wanted her to be healthy, safe and loved. We wanted to bring her up in a tradition whose cherished goals were embodied in the prophetic message of social justice and equality. We wanted her to feel at one with her country and its leaders. But more than all else, we prayed, that as she grew up, the possibility of war would no longer exist; that Israel would be at peace.

Much has happened in the intervening years. For so many in Israel, the Yom Kippur war was a watershed experience. The myth of an indestructible Israel was pricked. Faith in our leaders was shattered. Israel was reduced to human proportions. The trauma of the war shook the foundations of the Jewish state, unleashing the incipient stages of a protest movement. Israelis began questioning their country's course in a host of areas that impacted upon Israeli society.

Israel has never experienced calm seas. Both ancient and modern Jewish history play havoc with our members. At once, we experience great sadness, total exhilaration, deep shame, abundant pride, and penetrating fear. Our mood swings are the stuff of multiple personalities. We are never at rest.

Because of this, Israel does not allow for a generation gap. Israeli children share countless emotional experiences with their parents. They are nurtured on the events of the day; sometimes seeing them through their parents' eyes and sometimes understanding them in their own way. So when the news broke early in the morning that Israel had rescued the Entebbe hostages, my daughter was abruptly awakened to join her screaming parents prancing ecstatically around the house.

Years later, during the Lebanese war, after watching a television show about Israeli children explaining what it was like to lose their fathers in war, my daughter walked into our bedroom, where my wife was resting, and said, "Abba is going to be killed;" expressing the same fear that my wife felt as I sat on the Beirut-Damascus highway.

We were on sabbatical in the States when Israel and Egypt signed the peace treaty. That day my daughter wore blue and white to her school, telling her teacher that "today my country made peace." Ten years later to the day, she accompanied me on a visit to the territories to hear Palestinian youth testify to alleged human rights abuses.

She went with a school delegation to Poland, standing at the gas chambers of Auschwitz, only to return home to huddle in familial closeness in our own gas-sealed room. No sooner did she leave the sealed room, when she joined us in greeting Ethiopian Jews on that great Shabbat morning that unveiled Operation Solomon.

Children in Israel walk hand in hand with their parents through moments of pain and joy.

But now, as I examine my wish list that accompanied my oldest daughter's birth, I reveal a mixed bag. She is healthy, safe for the most part, and loved. She is sensitive to the suffering of others, recognizing that social progress and fairness are the key elements in safeguarding the democratic and Jewish character of Israel. She has a healthy skepticism regarding Israel's leaders.

Yet, it would seem that my wife's and my ultimate prayer upon our daughter's birth, a prayer for peace, somehow has escaped us. For in matters of war, she has seen it all. Her 18 years have been overwrought with the emotional tension that on one hand stems from murderous stabbings, intifada, and Scuds; and on the other hand, from a Lebanese invasion, a Jewish underground, and as sometimes aggressive occupation.

Her vocabulary has been peppered with such varied concepts as "a greater Israel," "peace for peace," "Judea and Samaria," "occupied territories," "transfer," and "Alahu Akbar."

My daughter, born during the Yom Kippur War, entered the army on Oct. 6, the war's anniversary. That same day, I received word from my reserve unit that I would be hanging up my army boots for good. Yet the sadness of the Yom Kippur war, a sadness that tempered our exultation at our daughter's birth, may be giving way to a new reality. While wearing the paraphernalia of war, my child will hopefully listen to talk of peace.

Perhaps then, with all the ups and downs that have engaged us during these past 18 years, our original prayer for peace, that ushered our daughter into the world, will be granted fulfillment. As we begin a new year, hopefully Israeli and Arab leaders will see peace as a moral imperative, for us and our children.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger of good tidings, that announces peace" *(Isaiah 52:7)*.

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Features

Hamburg's imposing City Hall.

Hamburg — Gateway to N. America

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

(First in a series on Germany)

To East European Jews seeking a better life in the new world, Hamburg was the gateway to North America.

Driven out of the Russian Empire and Romania by pogroms, economic hardship and political instability, upwards of one million Jewish emigrants used Hamburg as a port of embarkation to North America between 1880 and 1914.

More often than not, they were sent to North America by a German Jew from Hamburg, Albert Ballin, whose Hamburg-Amerika Line became synonymous with mass migration.

North Americans whose ancestors passed through Hamburg can search for their roots in Hamburg's Historic Emigration Office.

The museum, at Holstenwall 24, has passenger lists on microfilm of all the ships that sailed from Hamburg from about 1850 to World War I. It's estimated that a total of about five million migrants, Jewish and non-Jewish, passed through Hamburg during this period.

Simply give the museum's trained researchers your ancestor's name and exact year of emigration. In return, for a $30 (U.S.) fee, you will receive an official certificate with an excerpt of the original ship's list. It contains personal data of your ancestor — his/her age, occupation, marital status, number of children and city of origin.

The museum is open Tuesdays to Saturdays.

Although Ballin has been dead for decades, Hamburg — Germany's second largest city after Berlin — hasn't forgotten its native son.

Ballindamm, the main street running along the waterfront, is named in his honor. But the Hamburg-Amerika Line is no more, having been absorbed by Hapag-Lloyd long ago.

Ballin's gray stone, neo-classical mansion, at Feldbrunnerstrasse 58, is now occupied by UNESCO, a United Nations' agency. It's in a leafy, well-to-do neighborhood near the Alster, the lovely man-made lake in the centre of this cosmopolitan metropolis.

Ballin's house was built in 1908, when the Hamburg-Amerika Line was the world's foremost shipping company. Ballin, a member of the kaiser's inner circle, committed suicide after Germany's defeat in World War I.

Originally from Denmark, Ballin's family settled in Hamburg in the 1830s. By then, Hamburg had a small, thriving Jewish community. Sephardim, Marranos from Spain and Portugal, were the first Jews to decamp in Hamburg. Before the Nazi era, Hamburg was the only city in Germany with a substantial Sephardi population.

The city's Sephardi cemetery, in the nondescript suburb of Altona, was established in 1611 and closed in 1877. It once lay outside Hamburg's outer limits, but today it is five minutes by car from the Reeperbahn — the throbbing red light cum-theatre district where nothing is left to the imagination.

The inscriptions on the weathered Sephardi tombstones are in Hebrew, Portuguese and Spanish. The newer headstones, in the Ashkenazi section, are inscribed in German. Ashkenazi Jews arrived in Hamburg shortly after the Sephardim, mainly from Ukraine and Poland.

Many of the gravestones are overturned, the tablets having been broken into jagged pieces by the Nazis. Hitler's regime planned to demolish the cemetery in 1942, but somehow never got around to it.

By the mid-19th century, Hamburg — the cradle of Reform Judaism — was home to 12,000 Jews. Some were members of the first Reform congregation, which was founded in 1818.

When the Nazis seized power in 1933, nearly 20,000 Jews lived in Hamburg. By 1939, the majority had emigrated. In all, 7,800 Hamburg Jews lost their lives during the Holocaust. After Hamburg was liberated from Nazi tyranny, the Jewish community was reorganized.

There are approxixmately 1,500 Jews in Hamburg today, the majority of whom are of East European origin. Also among them is a colony of Iranian Jews, who were probably attracted to Hamburg because of its status as the world's biggest transit port for Oriental carpets.

Virtually all of Hamburg's synagogues were looted and destroyed during Kristallnacht in November 1938. One that survived, at Oberstrasse 126, is now used by North German Radio. Completed in 1931, the gray, Bauhaus-style building had a seating capacity of 1,200. Vandals damaged it in 1938 in a burst of anti-Semitic passion.

For some strange reason, the Nazis did not tamper with the stylized menorah over the main entrance, nor did they dismantle the Hebrew lettering on the door. It reads: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

There is a black plaque in front of the building. It indicates that this was a Reform synagogue, the property of the Israelitischer Templeverein.

Within walking distance is a middle-class neighborhood known as Der Grindel, which was heavily populated by Jews in pre-Nazi times.

There are ghosts of the past everywhere in Der Grindel.

The red-brick Talmud Torah Realschule, shaded by a big old tree, was opened in 1911 and forcibly closed in 1942. Now it's a library science school.

The adjacent Joseph-Carlebach Platz stands on the site of the 1,100-seat Bornplatz synagogue, which was constructed in 1906, ransacked in 1938 and torn down in 1939. Carlebach was Hamburg's last pre-war rabbi, as well as the director of the Talmud Torah. He died in the Riga ghetto in 1942.

Glazed black tiles form an outline of the Bornplatz synagogue. Clumps of grass sprouting between some of the tiles mar the reverential effect.

Joseph-Carlebach Platz is hemmed in by featureless apartment buildings, a handful of ethnic restaurants and part of the campus of Hamburg University (which is noted for its institute for the History of German Jews.)

Not far away, at Heinrich Barthstrasse 3, looms a rather ugly red-brick apartment block, where an Orthodox synagogue once stood. Shut down by the Gestapo in October 1939, it was reduced to rubble by a 1943 Allied air raid. During the war, Allied raids destroyed 60 percent of Hamburg's buildings and 80 percent of its strategic port.

Further on, in a courtyard at Rutschbahn 11, is the former Alte and Neue Klaus synagogue. Inaugurated in 1906, it was closed by the authorities in 1939. Except for a plaque, it bears no signs of having been a synagogue. It was converted into public housing and a carpentry shop long ago.

Hamburg's only active synagogue, at An der Hohen Weide 34, doubles as a community centre. It is in a modern, fenced-in building, on a quiet street.

The former Jewish girls' orphanage, at Laufgrauben 37, is a dim memory. Deportations in 1941 and 1943 cleared it of its hapless inhabitants. A firm of naval architects is on the ground floor.

The Jewish boys' orphanage, at Papendamm 3, is also gone. It was probably destroyed by Allied bombs.

Hamburg's magnificent Italian neo-Renaissance Rathaus, or City Hall, miraculously escaped destruction during the war. In its ornate main foyer is a gallery honoring prominent citizens, four of whom are of Jewish background — Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, the composer and baptized grandson of the philosopher Moses Mendelssohn; Gabriel Riesser, a leader of the 1848 revolution; Heinrich Hertz, the discoverer of the electromagnetic wave, which led to radio and TV; and Solomon Heine, a financier and uncle of Heinrich Heine, the great writer/poet.

In the mayors' gallery is a portrait of Hamburg's one and only Jewish mayor, Herbert Weichmann, who returned to Germany from the United States after World War II. Weichmann, who was often photographed with a fat cigar in his mouth, served from 1965 to 1971.

The literary career of Heinrich Heine, whom the Nazis defamed and banned, is intertwined with Hamburg, since all his works were published here by Hoffmann & Campe Verlag.

At Hoffmann & Campe Verlag's headquarters in the elegant Harvestehude district alongside the Alster, a simple plaque pays tribute to this genius of the German language.

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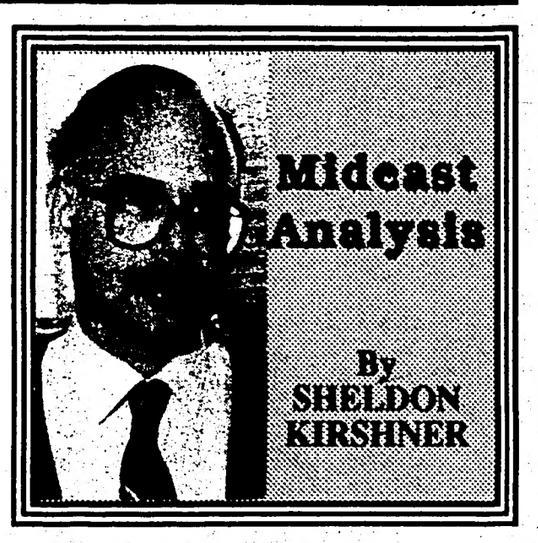
Further information can be obtained from the German National Tourist Board in Toronto, 175 Bloor East (968-1570). Lufthansa has regularly-scheduled flights from Toronto and Montreal.

Tours of Jewish Hamburg are available from local guide Barbara Edye, who is most accommodating and speaks English and French. Her address: Hemmingstedter Weg 169, 2000-Hamburg 52. Her telephone number: 040/825445.

She recommends a lavishly-illustrated German-language book on Jewish Hamburg entitled **At Home in Hamburg in Former Times: Jewish Life in the Grindel,** *edited by Ursula Wamser and Wilfried Weinke. It was published by VSA-Verlag in 1991.*



The year that was...

Sixteen days into 1991, the world was shaken by Operation Desert Storm — a Middle East war in which Israel was *not* militarily involved. At approximately 6:35 p.m., on Jan. 16 (Eastern Standard Time), the inevitable occurred when Baghdad, Iraq's capital, came under sustained, heavy aerial bombardment from aircraft of the coalition spearheaded by the United States.

The Gulf War — the first real-time, prime-time conflict in the annals of combat — had hundreds of millions of viewers glued to their TV sets. The air campaign — which lasted for about 40 days — was followed by a briefer land war. When the vaunted Mother of all Battles ended, Iraq lay defeated, but Saddam Hussein — the Iraqi strongman who precipitated it by invading and annexing Kuwait — remained entrenched in power. What is more, he ruthlessly crushed Kurdish and Shi'ite rebellions, with hardly a peep from the United States.

True to its threat, Iraq fired Scud missiles at Israel (and Saudi Arabia.) Thirty-nine landed in the Jewish state, causing widespread property damage but miraculously few fatalities. Israel wanted to retaliate, but at the behest of the United States exercised restraint. In an attempt to protect Israeli cities from the terror of Scuds, the Bush administration dispatched Patriot missiles and their crews to Israel — the first time foreign troops had defended Israeli territory. The Patriots were more symbolic than effective, but Israelis breathed a collective sigh of relief when Iraq, a determined enemy, finally bit the dust.

The Gulf War, however, buttressed Washington's relations with the Arab world. In order to build a wall-to-wall anti-Iraq coalition, the United States turned even to Syria, which has been perceived as a foe of American interests in the Middle East.

Contrary to expectations, the Gulf War did not change the region. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait resisted pressure to reform their feudal political structures. Iraq, though greatly weakened by United Nations' sanctions, continues to rebuild.

1991 in review

Emboldened by Operation Desert Storm, the U.S. embarked on a mission of peace within a month of its denouement. In a bid to defuse the Arab-Israeli dispute, American Secretary of State James Baker made the first of eight trips to the Middle East.

Baker's shuttle diplomacy, a facsimile of Henry Kissinger's post-Yom Kippur War exertions, yielded tangible results on Oct. 30 when the Madrid peace conference got under way. Although Madrid was essentially an exercise in public relations for all sides, it ushered in a new era, enabling Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians to engage in direct talks.

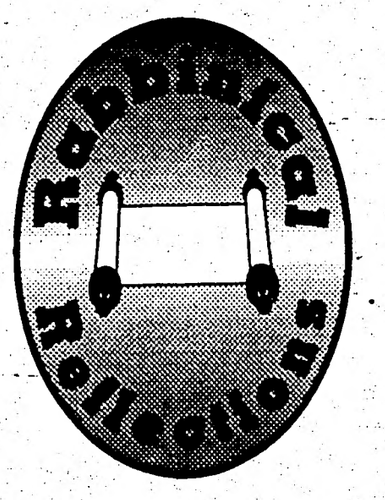
Procedural squabbles, psychological obstacles and game playing delayed, and interefered with, round two in Washington. But at least the process, which is bound to be protracted and bitter, had been launched.

Significantly, the PLO played no direct role in the negotiations. Battered by its support of Iraq in the Gulf War, PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat had to yield to a Palestinian delegation composed of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Has the PLO been eclipsed by "local" Palestinians? No one can be sure, but the PLO is definitely weaker than ever.

The peace process exacerbated Israel's long-simmering dispute with the U.S. over the status of the territories and the Jewish settlements there. But the breakup of the Soviet Union, coming after the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the end of the Cold War, also contributed to Israeli-American tensions.

Israel's role as a U.S. strategic ally blocking communism has been overtaken by swift-moving events. In geo-political terms, Israel's value has thus been diminished.

But for Israel, unprecedented opportunities beckon in the newly-formed Commonwealth of Independent States, the successor state of the Soviet Union. It appears that all 11 former Soviet republics, in need of recognition and investment, are favorably disposed to Israel.



By
RABBI AARON LEVINE

Meaning: The word TU is comprised of the Hebrew letters tes and vav which have a combined numerical value of 15; Shevat is the Hebrew month which follows Teves. Hence Tu B'Shevat simply means the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat which, written in complete Hebrew numbers, is Chamisha Asar B'Shevat.

These names merely define the date and suggest no significance. It is the name Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanot — The New Year for Trees — which characterizes the import of the day, and, as quoted in the mishnah, tractate Rosh Hashanah, is enumerated among the Four Years of the Hebrew calendar.

A Day of Judgment: Its similarity to Rosh Hashanah would suggest that this day be the Day of Judgment for the well-being of trees and their fruit. In truth we do find among the reasons for partaking of various fruits on this day, one that implies that we are to pray for the welfare of trees. We also find liturgical compositions that date back to the Geonim (before the 11th century) that would seem to point to the idea of praying in like manner, hence reinforcing the notion of a Judgment Day for trees.

However the mishnah clearly states that it is on Shovuos that the world is judged for the fruits of the trees. Thus we clearly see that the name New Year for Trees is not rooted in the mistakenly popular notion.

Maaser and Orlah: The Talmud clearly explains the appellation New Year for Trees in an entirely different context, one that bears halachically on the laws of fruit-tithing (maaser perios), and the laws forbidding the eating of the fruit of a new tree (orlah) until the fourth year (Leviticus 19:23-25).

In reference to the former one may only use fruit as a tithe to redeem fruit that has grown within the same year. As explained in the talmud the cut-off point between the years was Tu B'Shevat. Similarly in connection with the growth of trees the fourth and fifth years of its growth were reckoned from the annual Tu B'Shevat cycle.

Religious Observances: In Talmudic times there was no religious significance other than the above and hence we find no practical observances of the day. However, as early as the times of the Geonim we find special prayers that characterized the day as one of praying for the welfare of trees and their fruit.

Probably as early as the 13th or 14th century it became a semi-festive holiday, and by the time the Shulchan Aruch (the Code of Jewish Law) appeared in the mid-16th century, the legal manifestations of the semi-festivity were universal.

Hence we find that the daily tachanun prayer is not said even at the mincha service prior to Tu B'Shevat; Lamnatzeiach is also not recited according to the custom of the Sephardim although it is recited by the Ashkenazim according to most poskim; as far as a mourner acting as chazzan one should consult his Rav as to the custom of his shul; fasting is not allowed even for a groom on his wedding day; eulogies are not permitted except before a scholar and tzidduk hadin is not recited at the burial.

Eating Fruits: The custom of eating various fruits is first mentioned in the book Tikkunei Yissachar by Rabbi Isachar ben Mordechai Sussan published in 1564. The kabbalists of Safed added to the popularity of this custom as time went on and by 1727 we find a complete book *Pree Eitz Hadar* devoted to the liturgy, customs, and order of the day.

This book became popular especially among Sephardic Jewry and it functioned on Tu B'Shevat as the haggadah at the seder table. Four cups of wine were drunk; various fruits were eaten accompanied by their appropriate blessings, readings from the scriptures, the Talmud, Midrash and Zohar; and liturgical compositions were sung as praises to the Almighty.

One of the lessons we learn from all of this is that all of our sustenance comes from the blessings of the Almighty and not because of the toil and labor of our own hands.

Various Customs: As a result of the above, various customs have come down to the present day. Some eat a minimum of 15 fruits and especially the seven species mentioned in the Torah re Israel (wheat[cake], barley[beer], olives, dates, grapes, figs, and pomegranates). Some try to make sure that a new fruit is eaten, so that the shehecheyanu blessing may be said.

Bokser: One of the most popular of these is the charuvim, the carob, better known as "bokser" in Yiddish. Interestingly, the Torah compares man to a tree (Deuteronomy 20:19), and on Tu B'Shevat we praise God for our own growth and development as we do for the trees and their fruit.

The Psalmist says that an average man lives for 70 years. The Talmud says that the Bokser tree bears fruit for 70 years. Bokser is also a very humble fruit requiring very little attention and used as food by animals. This teaches us the requirement of humility in our own lives and the necessity to avoid a life of unnecessary luxury and indulgence.

Esrog: There is a custom that the esrog which was used on Sukkos is made into jam after Succos which is put away and eaten on Tu B'Shevat. Again, interestingly, one of the reasons offered for the eating of fruit is to atone for the sin of Adam and Chava which was caused by eating from the Tree of Knowledge.

There is an opinion in the Midrash that this was an esrog tree. The Bnei Yissaschar states also that on Tu B'Shevat one should pray that he will merit a beautiful and kosher esrog on the following Succos festival.

Psalms, Mishnah Study, Readings: Some have the custom of reciting the 15 Psalms of Ascent (120-134), and Psalm 148 which speaks of the fruit trees praising God. Some customarily recite 15 chapters of mishnah (the eight chapters of Peah, three chapters of Bikkurim, and four of Rosh Hashanah), one after each of the 15 fruits eaten.

In addition, various verses of the Bible which speak of different fruits, and passages from the Talmud, Midrash, and Zohar are recited.

Ninety One Coins to Charity: Some have a custom of donating 91 coins to charity, the Hebrew numerical equivalent of the word Ilan (alef—1; yud—10; lamed—30; and nun—50). The ever charitable nation of Israel invests yet another day with impressing upon itself that charity saves from death and brings God's blessings in all of its forms.

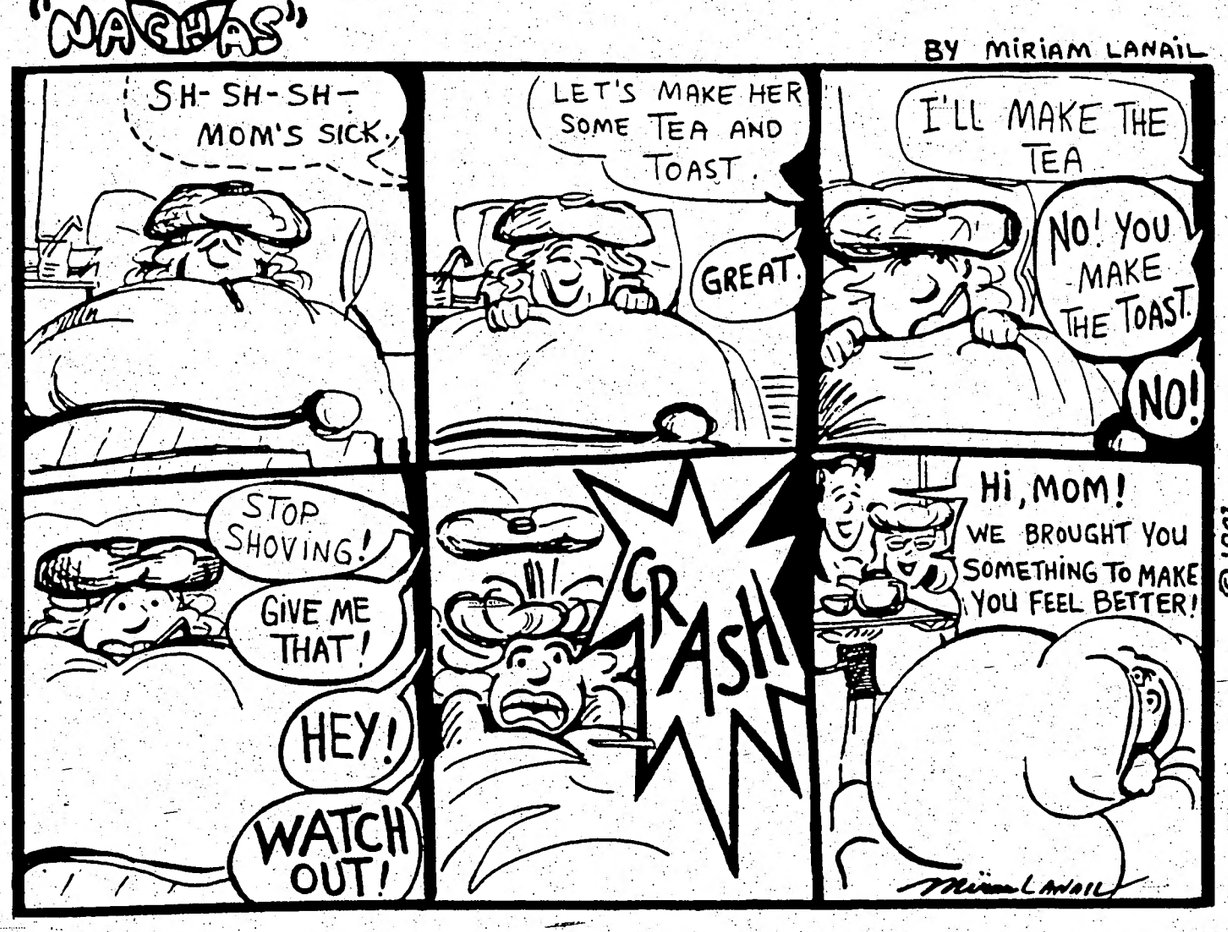
Planting of Trees: There are sources quoted that suggest that children were released from learning Torah on the afternoon of Tu B'Shevat. This was done in order to allow them to join in the family celebrations of the fruit eating and accompanying festivities as described above.

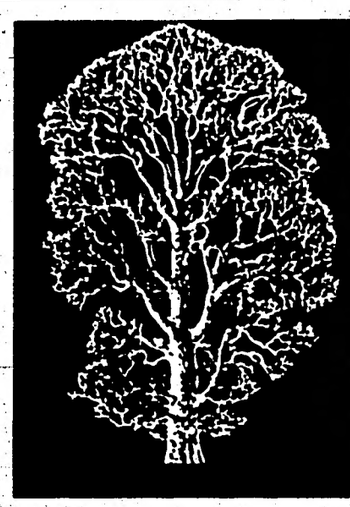
In modern-day Israel this has been extended to making Tu B'Shevat a kind of Arbor Day and thousands join in the planting of trees on the holy soil of Israel affirming their ties to their Holy Land.

Torah — Eitz Chaim: Certainly not least and perhaps the most important of the reasons for Tu B'Shevat observances is rooted in the comparison of Torah as a Tree of Life. It is written that the month of Shevat is an auspicious one in terms of enhancing and developing one's Torah knowledge.

As the trees ever bear their sweet and refreshing fruits by the blessing of God, so the Torah and study thereof is ever relevant and refreshing to the soul of man, and one who observes and studies Torah merits the Almighty's blessings in all of his endeavors.

May all of His blessings so accrue to us from our study and observance of our Torah and minhagim. Omein!





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Organizations and People

Or Chaim set to expand

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

This year's annual melava malka of Yeshivat B'nei Akiva was more than a relaxed, friendly get-together of parents, alumni, staff and supporters of Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot Girls' School.

The event also inaugurated the extension of the Or Chaim Almore Avenue campus.

Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Avishai David told the more than 200 guests at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation that the better facilities "will help expand our vision of Torah, which will heighten our love of other Jews and our love for Israel."

Calling current events, such as the Soviet and Ethiopian immigrations, the peace conference and the freeing of the Western hostages "reflective of the days *Hazal* (the rabbinic sages) say will come before messianic times, Rabbi David said "we must conspire to create great Torah scholars, who will be willing to be the educators and leaders of the community."

Dr. Yossi Wohlgelernter, dinner chairman, said that "we must rededicate ourselves to that most important challenge of educating our children to be bnai and bnot Torah."

He praised the teachers for their knowledge and the example they set for the 180 students attending both schools.

Sarah Burke and Robbie Diamond, presidents of the student councils of Ulpanot Orot and Or Chaim respectively, gave divrei Torah, in which they praised the school for imparting both an excellent secular and Torah education.

Cantor Noam Goodman gave a short concert, which was very enthusiastically received.

Hamotzi was recited by Nachman Sokol, president of the schools, and benching was led by Rabbi Moshe Rachimi, religious studies principal of Ulpanat Orot.

The addition to the boys' school, which is scheduled to open in September 1992, will include a dormitory, accommodating 24 students and the family of the dormitory supervisor, a renovated and expanded gym, and a new bais midrash, which will be used for religious services, as a study hall, and for public lectures and classes.

The existing building will be renovated to provide more classrooms and an expanded library.

Religious exercises banned

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg School Division No. 1 is going to be banning religious exercises in its schools and Seven Oaks School Division No. 10 may be following suit. Between them, the two divisions account for almost all Jewish students in Manitoba's public school system. (North Winnipeg Jewish public school students attend Seven Oaks schools while Winnipeg 1 accommodates most south Winnipeg Jewish public school students.)

The school board members of the Winnipeg division, the province's largest, voted 7-2 on Dec. 4 to ask its administrators to write a bylaw opting out of the mandatory prayer provisions of the Public Schools Act. (The provision is also being challenged in court by the Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties.)

Trustee Lionel Orlikow, who sponsored the motion, is quoted as saying the current practice discrimination against non-Christian students in a multi-ethnic, multi-religious, multicultural community.

Irv Sera was principal of south Winnipeg's Grant Park High School for 15 years. The school has always had a large number of Jewish students. He says it was time to look at the issue of school prayers.

"In any classroom in Winnipeg today you will find at least five different ethnic and/or religious groups represented," he says. "I'm not convinced opting out of prayer entirely is the answer. Perhaps some time for meditation should be given or a variety of prayers from different religious and cultures introduced.

"Ten years ago at Grant Park we had a group of students fight for that idea. After they graduated though the new student council didn't pursue the matter." Sera now works in the superintendent's department. He is active in AMAL.

A report in the Dec. 10 issue of the *Winnipeg Free Press* quoted Seven Oaks School Division trustee Claudia Sarbit as saying informal discussions have been taking place about eliminating the Lord's Prayer from Seven Oaks schools although no action has yet been taken.

As it stands, each principal in the division is currently empowered to determine whether or not to have mandatory school prayer in his or her school.

"My personal feeling is that prayer doesn't belong in the schools," says Dr. Norm Isler, a former superintendent of Seven Oaks School Division who now works for the Department of Education.

"Opening exercises used to include a suitable reading from the Bible and the Lord's Prayer. The bible readings have pretty much gone by the boards. Only the Lord's Prayer is left. I don't think it belongs in a school system of a country where there is separation between church and state.

"If there is to be some religious exercises in the schools, then there should be a variety of prayers representing different religious and cultures. Why not have the Lord's Prayer one day and a Jewish prayer the next?"

Mazon allocates funds

TORONTO —

At its Dec. 10 meeting, the board of Mazon Canada, a Jewish Response to Hunger, accepted the recommendations of its allocations committee that grants totalling $51,750 should be made to organizations across Canada fighting hunger.

This brings the total grants for 1991 to $85,350 and the total of all grants Mazon has made since its inception in 1987 to just under a quarter of a million dollars.

Executive director Roger Hyman said that "the community should take a great deal of pride in the work that Mazon has done, and in its support of that work. In difficult times our contributions have significantly increased, and we have dramatically improved our ability to respond to the hunger crisis across Canada while keeping our costs stable."

He noted that more than 35 percent of the grants in this round "were made to Jewish organizations dealing with Jewish hunger.

"In this granting round we were made very conscious of the deteriorating conditions for large numbers of families and children — more needs, fewer resources, greater frustration, less hope and in far too many cases no food on the table. It is important to note that Mazon and through it, the Jewish community, is beginning to make a definite impact on some organizations' abilities to continue coping with this situation."

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, chairman of Mazon, noted that Mazon's success in meeting its mandate only underlines how serious the problem of hunger is.

"No matter how much we do, more remains to be done — but we are confident that Canada's Jews will continue to support our programs."

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OMB puts a hold on housing project

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Vaughan residents opposed to the Ohr Somayach housing project on Clark Avenue have been handed a five-month reprieve by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Late last month, the board agreed to adjourn a three-day hearing into the project until May 12.

That will give residents enough time to prepare studies into how the housing project will affect the immediate neighborhood, said David Sherman, a Bevshire Circle resident and lawyer who is leading the opposition.

"We're relieved. This will give us enough time to raise funds to retain planners and pay for studies," Sherman told *The CJN*.

Those studies will include how the project will affect traffic flow and communal facilities, he said.

Residents opposed to the building say it will cause increased congestion and strain already overburdened schools and an adjacent community centre.

Residents are also concerned that normal procedure was not followed in the developer's proposal to rezone the parcel of land from low to high density.

They charge the developer, Runnymede Development Corp., with bypassing the City of Vaughan — which would have held public hearings — and appealing directly to the OMB.

Technically, Ontario's Planning Act allows a developer to go to the OMB but only if the city is "unresponsive" to the original rezoning application.

Now that the file is at the OMB, Sherman will attempt to organize his own public hearings into the case, beginning this month.

The project has generated controversy from the start.

Ohr Somayach, an Orthodox educational outreach organization, wants to build an assisted housing project on a 1.8 hectare plot of land between the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue and the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre.

Runnymede, which developed almost all of the surrounding neighborhood, including the synagogue, immediately clashed with area residents.

Compromise struck

A compromise was struck last May. The developer agreed to downsize the project from 240 units on 14 floors to 125 units on eight floors, with some of the storeys sloped back from Clark Avenue.

Sherman says there are "hundreds" of area residents opposed to the project.

The project calls for two-thirds of the units to have rents geared to income, with the rest having rents geared to market value.

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Federation to mark Wannsee anniversary

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

On Jan. 20, 1942, 15 high-ranking Nazi bureaucrats gathered in a villa in a fashionable Berlin suburb to discuss the implementation of a policy already reached at top government levels.

The mood among the bureaucrats was cordial — some even met for a fireside smoke and a drink of brandy when the session concluded. The language employed during the meeting, which lasted scarcely 85 minutes, was typically euphemistic. They spoke of people "falling away," "evacuation," and "a further possible solution."

Historians now consider the Wannsee conference as one of the pivotal events in the evolution of the Holocaust, a time when Nazi civil servants attempted to iron out the practical difficulties that murdering 11 million European and North African Jews might present.

On Jan. 20, 1992, the Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will mark the 50th anniversary of the Wannsee conference at a public meeting beginning at 8 p.m. at the Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University will deliver the keynote address at the memorial event.

"The [Wannsee] conference was the turning point in the history of the Holocaust," said Gerda Frieberg, honorary chairman of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre and chairman of the evening event. "It is important to remember the process in which a decision sanctioned by a government resulted in achieving the Final Solution of the Jewish question by murder."

SS official Reinhard Heydrich, who had been appointed plenipotentiary for the preparation of the Final Solution, chaired the meeting. Adolf Eichmann, head of an SS department charged with Jewish affairs, recorded the minutes.

Adolf Eichmann

Senior officials of various ministries and of the Nazi Party attended the meeting, including representatives of the Ministry of the Interior, the Justice Ministry, the Foreign Office, the General Government of Poland, the Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories and the Race and Resettlement Office.

They were told by Heydrich that the Final Solution would include Jews under German occupation, as well as those residing in countries of allies and in neutral lands like Spain and Switzerland.

One historical text notes that while SS death squads had already begun the mass killings of Jews, what had hitherto been tentative, fragmentary and spasmodic was to become formal, comprehensive and efficient following Wannsee. The technical services, such as railways, the bureaucracy and diplomats would work together towards a single, murderous goal.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

With the holiday season over, we are almost back to regualr schedule. There will, however, be no issue on Jan. 16. The normal deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two week prior to publication date. This means that Thursday, Jan. 9 is the deadline for the Jan. 23 issue and I will be at my desk on that day to take your phone calls and sort my mail.

Sunday, Jan. 12

EAST GERMAN JEWS

Hillel Children's Workshop presents an adult session on The East German Jews and German Unification, 10.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12 at University of Toronto, New College, 40 Willcocks St., room 523, lower level.

All adults are welcome. Free admission. For more information on children's programs or this special adult session, call **Dale Schwartz,** 484-0045.

HABONIM CULTURAL CLUB

Congregation Habonim Cultural Club, 5 Glen Park Ave.,(Bathurst/Glencairn), meets 2.30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 to hear York University **Prof. Orest Subtelny** consider Nationalism and Zionism. Fee is $2 members, $2.50 non-members. members.

OHR SOMAYACH/JEP

On Sunday, Jan. 12 at 8.30 p.m., the second in a two-part series on The Jewish Formula for a Happy and Successful Marriage, continues with **Rabbi Yisroel Rokowsky,** at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. For more information, call 886-5730.

REFORM BROTHERHOODS

Canadian Council of Reform Brotherhoods speakers' series examines From Civility to Piety: An Agenda for Reform Judaism, with **Rabbi Dow Marmur,** 7.30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 at Holy Blossom Temple. All are welcome.

HOLY BLOSSOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Michael Cole will review **Letty Pogrebin's** critically acclaimed book *Deborah, Golda and Me,* at a meeting of Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club, Sunday, Jan. 12. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH SISTERHOOD

Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood's next breakfast meeting, 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at the home of **Rebbetzin Sarah Stern,** will focus on the Reena Foundation, with **Arlene Margolese.**

Monday, Jan. 13

ISRAEL PHILATELY ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Association for Israel Philately, (CAFIP), plans a meeting for 7.30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. CAFIP is looking for new members as well as guest speakers. Contact **Alvin Dickstein,** 594-8919 days, or **Hartley Gershowitz,** 665-3555 days, 731-9268 evenings.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets at 7.30 p.m. in the Sisterhood Library of Holy Blossom Temple. Next meeting is Monday, Jan. 13. To inquire further, call in confidence to **Ruth,** 763-9111.

BRUNCHTIME SHIUR

Jewish Marriage: Negotiating a Meeting of Minds and Hearts, a series of family centred lectures, starts Monday, Jan. 13 from 10-11.30 a.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP, Thornhill. Total cost is $60. For more information, contact **Michelle** or **Jill,** 886-5730.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

BETH EMETH ADULT EDUCATION

The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: Coming to Terms with Nationalist Passions, the first in a 3-part series about international perspectives on racism and anti-Semitism, sponsored by B'nai Brith and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, is slated for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 in the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Free admission. Call 633-6224/633-3838, for information.

Friday, Jan. 17

TEMPLE SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

Kol Shalom, a newly published musical service by **Ben Steinberg,** featuring the Temple choirs, **Cantor Severn Weingort,** Temple Emanu-El Choir and a string orchestra, premieres 8.15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at Temple Sinai.

SPECIAL CBC TV FILM

Harry Weinberg's *Notebook* a short film about confronting memories, by producer/director/writer **Yariv Kohn,** will be shown on CBC TV at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Lola Julitta Burns will appear in a Happy Musical Hour featuring Jewish semi-classical and popular selections, 2-3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

AMAL RECEPTION

Arlene Perly Rae, in conjunction with Amal Vocational Training Schools of Israel, hosted a reception at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto to establish the Al and Hannah Perly scholarship in honor of her parents. She is seen lighting Chanukah candles at the reception. With her are (from left), Amos Eiram, Histadrut representative to North America, Rose Wolfe, honorary chairman of the evening, and Michael Mitchell, Toronto chairman of Amal and of the Al and Hannah Perly scholarship fund. Perly Rae affirmed how proud her parents would have been to see their names perpetuated in Israel. Mitchell noted that Amal, which offers regular vocational programs throughout the country is also helping to retrain Soviet immigrants and integrate them into Israeli society.

Saturday, Jan. 18

SHABBAT SHIRAH

Circle 9.30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, on your calendar when **Chazzanit Linda Segal** of the Beaches Shul, will be Kehillat Ahavat Hesed's guest at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., third floor.

Sunday, Jan. 19

ASSOCIATED SCHOOL FUNDAY

Associated Hebrew School Parents Association invites all families to its Sunday "Beat the Blahs" Funday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Jan. 19 at the Danilack Branch, 6100 Leslie St. Enjoy games, prizes, refreshments, bingo, boutiques, crafts and entertainment. Children's entertainer **Doug Barr,** performs at 1 pm.

Monday, Jan. 20

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., welcomes you to FAST AND FRESH - A Gourmet Meal in an Hour, a cooking demonstration with chef/author **Lucy Waverman,** 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20. Members, $2, guests, $3. Refreshments. For information, call 633-3838.

COTLER TO SPEAK

The Holocaust Remembrance committee presents **Prof. Irwin Cotler,** who will discuss The Wannsee Conference, The Blackest Day in European Jewish History, 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave. Admission free.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday, Jan. 21 session of the T'nach Study Group will focus on the Book of Samuel Part II, Chapter XVII, with **Joseph Shier.** The group meets 8.15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

HOLY BLOSSOM SISTERHOOD

Knaidlach, Chicken Soup and Beyond, a cooking series with **Sue Devor,** sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, zeroes in on Life Cycle Celebrations, Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Temple. Coffee is at 7.15 p.m., start, 7.30. Cost for the session, $10 Sisterhood members, $12 non-members. To reserve, call 789-3291.

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

Spend an interesting morning with guest speakers, discussing topics related to Judaism. The first of 10 weekly Tuesday Study Groups at Holy Blossom Temple, 9.45-11.30 a.m., begins Jan. 21, with educator **Judith Kraft** exploring History: Tricks the Living Play Upon the Dead.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

BETH EMETH ADULT EDUCATION

The second in a lecture series about Perspectives on Racism and Anti-Semitism continues with Germany: Responding to the Extreme Right, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Admission free.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

CHAT REUNION

Chat Alumni Association invites all alumni with spouses or friends to a Come As You Were Reunion, 8.30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 in the CHAT Gym, 200 Wilmington Ave. Cost, $10 per person, includes music, refreshments and nostalgia. RSVP to **Marilyn Cohen,** 636-4755. (Class reps are still needed on the planning committee).

HEART & STROKE VOLUNTEERS

The North York Chapter of the Heart and Stroke foundation is actively looking for assistance, days/evenings, weekends, in various capacities - tele-recruiting, (can be done from home) canvassing, etc. - for its February campaign. Please call 481-6194.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, LONDON

Participate in Fun Auction, an exciting Temple Israel major fundraiser, slated for Saturday, Feb. 8.

Tickets are available from all auction committee members or call **Jeff Phillips,** 471-8329. Cost, $7.50, includes wine, cheese and dessert.

If you have a service or item to offer, also corporate donations for auction, please call **Rael Wienburg,** 438-9053. To donate a dessert for the evening, call **Louise Shanfeld,** 672-4173.

SUPPORT LUNCHEON

At a luncheon in support of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto held in Toronto's Park Plaza Hotel, Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, spiritual leader and executive director of the centre, shown (left) with immigration lawyer Mendel Green, spoke about the Jewish Russian immigrants in Toronto and stressed the effectiveness of the centre's numerous social and spiritual programs. Co-hosts for the luncheon were Alex Grossman, Kurt Rothschild and Green.

SHAAREH HAIM ADULT EDUCATION

Shaareh Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., continues with its series of refreshing and informative Monday evening programs. Register at the synagogue office on the first night of each unit, for one or more mini-courses. Cost per evening is $5 for members, $7, non-members.

Classes, led by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster,** are 8-9.30 p.m.

Unit 3, The Cycle of Our Life, is Jan. 13, 20, 27.

To inquire further, call 884-3353.

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITORS

Bloor Y branch JCC, is seeking exhibitors for an Arts and Crafts Fair to be held Sunday, March 22. This is open to art students and amateur artists. For more information, call **Luni,** 924-6211.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

Call the synagogue office, 781-3511, to reserve for the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Luncheon, with guest speaker **Cantor Israel Man** (in honor of Jewish Music Month), planned for noon, January 25. Deadline for reservations is January 21. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated.

CHUTZPAH

Chutzpah, Toronto's organization for lesbian, gay and bisexual Jews, holds an Oneg Shabbat 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 in the Party Room, 117 Gerrard St. E.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, there will be a discussion on Intimacy, at the same location. There is no admission cost and refreshments will be served.

This is a wheelchair accessible facility.

The 24-hour information line is 925-1408.

BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

Join a small group which meets every Thursday at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., to learn and discuss the weekly parsha, the historical background of Jewish holidays and other events in the Jewish calendar. Newcomers are always welcome. This starts Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. For additional information phone 783-6103.

OHR SOMAYACH/JEP

Register now for the Ohr Somayach/JEP Brunch-Time Shiurs featuring six lectures by **Sarah Channa Radcliffe,** on Jewish Marriage: Negotiating a Meeting of Minds and Hearts, which starts Monday, Jan. 13, from 10-11.30 a.m. at 613 Clark Ave. W. Cost is $60.

For additional information, call **Michelle** or **Jill,** 886-5730.

FIRESTONE LECTURES

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents the Michael and Anne Firestone Annual Lectures with Bar-Ilan University history professor **Albert I. Baumgarten.** Theme is Jerusalem: Eternal City of the Jews - A Dialogue of Past and Present. The three lectures are at 8 p.m. On Jan. 20 the subject will be, Victory and its Consequences; Jan. 27, Herod the Great, Master Builder of Jerusalem; Feb. 3, The Great Revolt-The Ultimate Folly.

TORAH STUDY COURSE

Beginning Jan. 13, for six Monday evenings, Temple Har Zion Adult Education, 7360 Bayview Ave., will present a Torah Research course by **Morden Shapiro.** RSVP, 889-2252.

VOLUNTEER FOR TEL-AIDE

Do you have some free time and feel you can be a sensitive non-judgmental listener on the phone? If so, you are invited to train as a volunteer for Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line. Mini-

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mum commitment after training is six months. Minimum age is 18.

Previous background or training is not important. Especially needed are individuals for Sunday plus late afternoon and early evening weekly shifts.

Tel-Aide is a service of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. To apply, please call 636-9610.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Jewish Family and Child Service is offering the following workshops:

1. You and Your Aging Parent. Begins Jan. 14.
2. Social Skills. (Fee $50 per person for eight sessions). Starts Thursday, Feb. 27.
3. Living With Teenagers. Begins Feb. 6.

For further information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800, ext. 215.

ADULT EDUCATION AT BETH EMETH

Hatred Revisited: International Perspectives on Racism and Anti-Semitism, is the theme for a three-part lecture series co-sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, to take place at the synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Programs are Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

January 15 - The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: Coming to Terms with Nationalistic Passions.

Jan. 22 - Germany: Responding to the Extreme Right.

Jan. 29. North America: David Duke and Other Signs of Seething Intolerance.

Admission is free. To inquire further, call 633-6224/633-3838.

EMUNAH WOMEN

Emunah Women of Toronto invites you to Let's Have a Party Understanding Politics in Israel, a panel discussion with **Prof. Gavriel Ben-Dor, Sam Kapustin** and **Prof. Dan Michman,** 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 at B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave.

No charge and everyone is welcome.

POSLUNS THEATRE

Mother's Day at the Leah Posluns Theatre Jan. 22 to Feb. 16, is a macabre comedy which offers a touching look at the many aspects of a Jewish mother's life. Box office, 630-6752.

POETRY CONTEST

The League of Canadian Poets, 24 Ryerson Ave., Toronto, Ont., M5T 2P3, is accepting entries (unpublished) in its fifth annual contest. Three prizes will be awarded: $1,000, $750, $500 and 50 poems, including the winners, will be published in a fifth anthology.

For rules and additional details, call 363-5047. Deadline is January 31 postmark.

YOGA CLASSES

Would you like to look and feel better? Join the Sisterhood Yoga Group at Holy Blossom Temple. Classes, suitable for men and women of all ages, are held at the Temple, 1900 Bathurst St. Room 310 from 9-10.30 a.m. Next 12-week session starts Thursday, Jan. 16. Register at 8.45 a.m.

For more information call **Magda,** 481-0962.

for seniors

Ongoing programs at **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club,** 470 Glencairn Ave., continue. For details, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donation goes to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

North York Community House, with North York Board of Education, presents Current Events Discussions for Seniors 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Thursday, at 3101 Bathurst St. (two blocks north of Lawrence). For more information, phone 784-0920.

The Good Age Club at the JCC BLoor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., offers these programs in conjunction with the Toronto Board of Education: Continuing Education, knitting, bridge, fitness, current events,folk dancing and ceramics. Programs run Monday to Thursday. For schedule call **Luni,** 924-6211.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets 7.30-9.30 every Wednesday evening at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Avner Meiri,** 771-0250, **Oved Azuri,** 631-9794 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at the Wagman Centre, 789-5131, ext. 2273.

Ongoing activities at **Earl Bales Seniors Club** include bridge, ballroom and line dancing, fitness, woodwork, billiards, table tennis and shuffleboard. There is a Saturday night dance 7-10 p.m. Jan. 11 in the clubhouse. Members free, non-members $1 per person. Dance to a live band in the community centre, 7.30-10.30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19. Members, $3 per person, non-members, $4. For further information, call 636-7856.

Everyone is welcome to join the new senior citizens **Club Hadar** which meets every Monday, noon-4 p.m. in Room 103 at the Garnet Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. in Thornhill. For details, call **Viola Landman,** 886-2625.

LZA Senior Citizens Club continues with daily activities, cards, games, light lunches, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., phone 633-8579,

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday, 1-2.30 p.m., to help one another deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment for sharing experiences and making new friends. The next meeting is Sunday, Jan. 19. Group coordinator is **Toby Warsh.** For more information, call **Paula David,** 789-5131. ext. 2271,

The **Wagman Centre** invites you to hear **Eva Fishman** with **Paul Mathew,** in concert, 1.30-2.30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 in the Assembly Room. The Bubbies and the Zadies perform 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14. Current events discussions led by **Doug Haddow,** are Wednesdays, 10-11.30 a.m. in Rooms A and B.

Bridge and other activities are included at the **Friendship Club** in **Forest Hill Library,** 700 Eglinton Ave. W., Mondays and Tuesdays, 12-5 p.m., Jan. 13,14, 20,21, 27,28.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg,** 225-2112.

The Friendship Club for people 55 and over and single, meets at the Centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Singer **Jan Kimberley** entertains on Jan. 16. Meetings are for Friendship Club members only. Fee is $1. Refreshments.

George Brown College is offering a 14 week course on Developmental Psychology: The Human Journey, starting 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the Centre for Creative Living. To register, contact **Bookie Kwart,** 225-2112.

Artists of the Renaissance and the Baroque Eras, is on Wednesdays, 1-2.45 p.m. No charge.

Ruffles and Flourishes, is a new 6-session crafts course, 1-3 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 16-Feb. 20.

Here are the La'Briyut Wellness Centre programs for January: Use and Misuse of Vitamins, 1.30-2.30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9; Healthy Cooking Workshop, 4 weeks, noon-1 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 20,27, Feb. 3.10; Looking to the future: The New Long Term Care Reform, 1.30-2.30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23.

at the JCC

Call the JCC Singles Hotline, 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

In response to requests, the dance program at the **North Y branch,** 4588 Bathurst St., is expanding its adult sessions. Included are some daytime, as well as late evening classes, with a wide choice. The new semester begins in January and February. For a complete schedule, call 631-5659.

Concert for Kids series continues Sunday, Jan. 19 at the Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. with **Fran Avni** in Nature and the Environment, a Tu b'Shevat program. There are two shows, 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Tickets are $6. Phone orders will be accepted. Fran Avni is a multi-faceted performer who captivates her audiences.

Good Age Club at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., will show a video Thursday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. On Thursday, Jan. 16, join the group for speaker **MPP Zanana Akande,** who will talk about Seniors and Safety in the Community. Admission, $1, includes bagels and coffee.

The Eva and Alex Winick Aquatic Centre at the Bloor Y, will present an information day focusing on scuba and skin diving. Join in a mini lesson in the pool. For details on these and other upcoming courses, contact **Frances Polidano,** 924-6211.

Find out about Bloor's Theatre Goers, a new group for 33-45 year olds. To get on the mailing list and for more information, call **Luni,** 924-6211.

North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members, 7.30-11 p.m. Mondays. Cost is $3 per session. Call **Nurit,** 889-0813.

Singles Connection, call **Nurit,** 889-0813, for updated information on the lecture series and dances at the N/E Valley.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

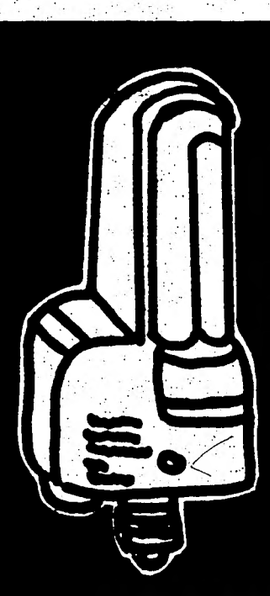
Among those attending the first International Congress of the Biotechnical Institute of Israel in Jerusalem, were (from left) Dr. Roger Goldstein, Toronto; Madame Steve Marcus, Geneva; Miriam Eliav, Biotech public relations director; Dr. Larissa Bavailov, Russian physician training at the Biotech and Dr. Alexander Percikov. Elected to the board of governors from Canada were vice-presidents Neri Bloomfield, Montreal and Dr. Irving Koven, Toronto and board members Dr. Philip Klotz, Eli and Renee Rubinstein, David Samuel, Henry Campbell, Dr. George Wortzman, Carol Epstein and Dr. Bernard Goldman. Focus of the conference was Law, Ethics and Medicine.

DINITZ VISITS TORONTO

Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency and former Israeli ambassador to the United States, was in Toronto recently to address a public meeting of the Labor Zionist Organization. Here he stands with leaders of the Labor Zionist Movement (from left) Julius Sokoloff, president, LZM; Joe Krystal, national vice-president, Labor Zionist Alliance; Dave Kofsky, national chairman, LZA; Simcha Dinitz; Harry Weinstock, president LZA, city committee. Not in the photo are Tillie Margolis and Esther Rodzynek, both of Na'amat.

LITERARY COMPETITION

Some of the award winners in the third annual literary competition sponsored by The London Jewish Community News are (front row, from left), Jonathan Sas, Shira Katz, Joelle Faulkner, Gal Wettstein; (back row, from left) Tova Kurz, Rebecca Elias, Shoshana Lowe, Robyn Labell, Carla Labell. The theme of the competition, which coincided with Jewish Book Month and the London Jewish Community Centre's Bookfair, was Miracles - the hope for the Jewish future.



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Harbord marks centennial

TORONTO —

A 104-year-old graduate will be on hand when Harbord Collegiate celebrates its 100th anniversary May 8-10.

Pauline (Smith) Munro, who graduated in 1903, is a former school teacher and is one of 12 Harbord graduates who are 90 or older.It is estimated there are still 17,000 graduates living.

At one time, the halls and classrooms at Harbord were alive with Jewish students. Today there is only one Jewish student and last year there were none. Today Oriental students make up the bulk of those attending.

The 100th anniversary is the latest event in the colorful history of a school which is the third oldest in Toronto. In 1974 a total of 3,000 graduates and teachers attended its first major reunion.

A highlight of the celebration this May is an opportunity for former students to inspect the Harbord Museum (Room 106) which was opened officially last October by Premier Bob Rae. It was funded by, among others, the Weston Family Foundation. Garfield Weston is a graduate of Harbord.

Harbord can claim not only the oldest high school graduate still alive in Canada, but the only one to have a museum, and also the largest group of alumni, according to Willie Zimmerman, a 1933 graduate. The Harbord Club has 2,200 members and through the Harbord Charitable Foundation, of which Zimmerman is president, has donated more than $50,000 to Harbord teachers and students since 1979.

A membership in the Harbord Club must be one of the biggest bargains of the recession, a lifetime fee of $10, which includes their newsletter, the *Harbordite*.

The original building, erected in 1892, was demolished in 1978, though the facade was retained.

The 100th anniversary events include a dinner dance Saturday, May 9 at the Convention Centre. The reunion will take place at the school May 8 and 9 while Sunday, May 10, is being kept free for groups to have their own special get togethers.

Kosher dinners will be available at the Convention Centre and to accommodate those who must come in from out-of-town when the Sabbath is over, the kosher dinners will not be served until 10 p.m.

The centennial hot line number is 393-1992.

Harbord Collegiate, pictured here in 1892 before it was rebuilt, celebrates its 100th anniversary in May. It is the oldest high school in Metro.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Mayfair West Racquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having its next singles party Saturday, January 25th. The action begins at 7:00pm with a tennis round robin, and a dance following at 10:00pm. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20.00 for non-members, and $15.00 for Mayfair members. The cost is $9.00 after 10:00pm for the dance. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia at 638-1010. 8140

Please join **Adath Israel Singles (Ages 30-50)** for its next session of its **Ongoing Torah Study Class** on Tuesday, January 14, 1992 at 8:00pm at the Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Avenue, Downsview. Question the purpose of life. Learn about the past so we can live in the present. For further information, contact Rabbi Sheldon Korn at 635-5340. 8262

Atideynu Lodge presents **Skating at Toronto City Hall**. Meet at 2:00pm. Sunday, January 12th. Rentals available.
Tuesday, January 14th, **General Meeting-"Now That's Magic"**. Join us for an evening full of surprises and magic. 15 Hove Street. 7:30pm. $4.00 non-members, $2.00 members.
Wednesday, January 22nd, 8:00pm. **Theatre Night**. Join us to see **"The Mouse Trap"**. $18.00 per person, advanced ticket purchase a must. 94 Belmont Street. For information on all these events contact Rob, 882-5404. 8245

The North East Valley Singles Connection invites you to our **"Winter Getaway"** Dance. Join us for D.J., dancing, cash bar and light refreshments on January 19, 1992. 8:00pm at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie Street. Admission $8.00. For more information call Nurit at 889-0813. 8259

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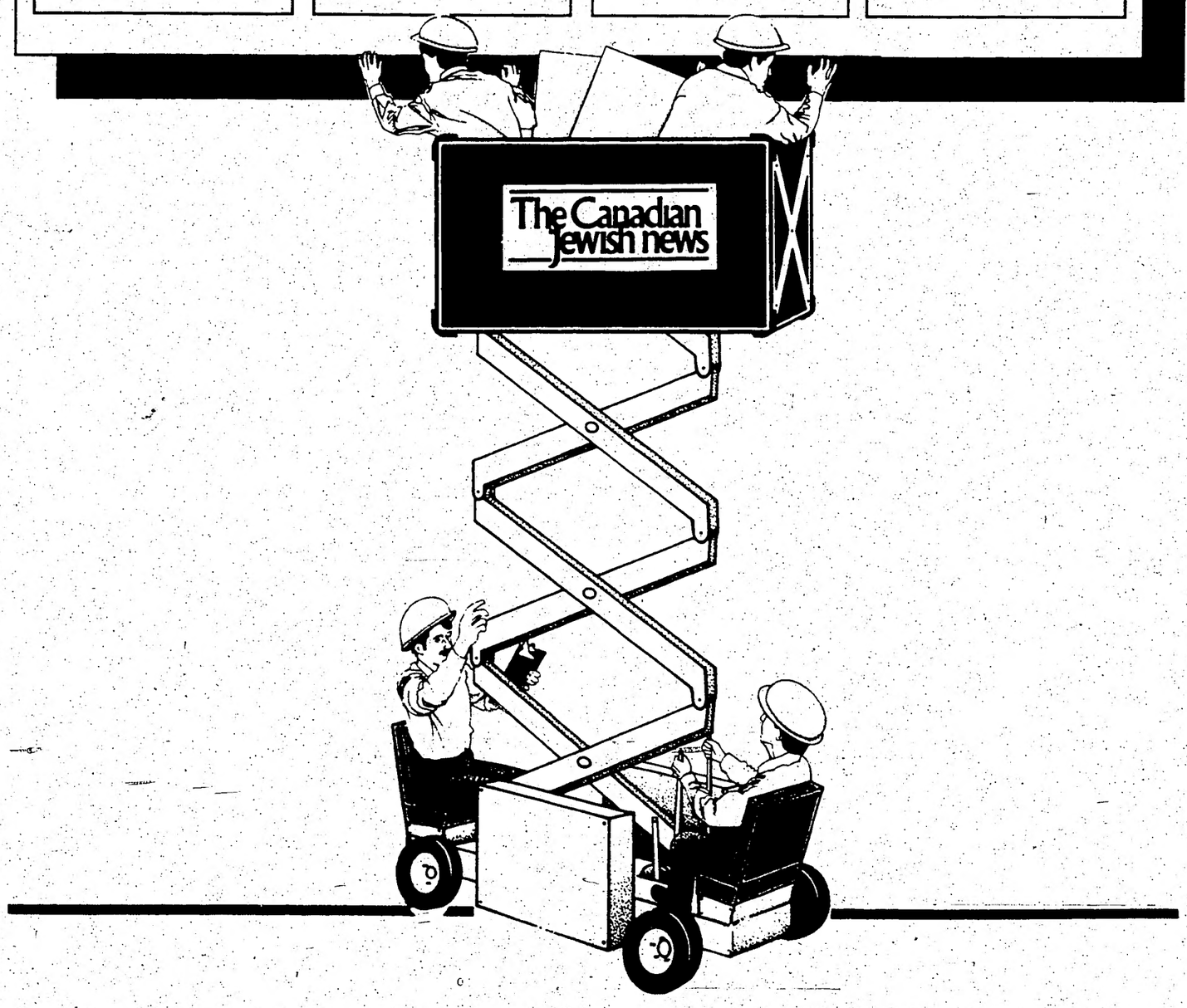

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Operation Solomon alone, the marvelous rescue of Ethiopian Jews, cost the Agency $90 million which was unbudgeted.

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In our own community, strict "hold-the-line" budgets have put our service-delivery agency and Jewish day schools under severe strain.

Public funding from other sources is being reduced, while caseloads are rising sharply. Jewish Family and Child Service, for example, has experienced a 35% increase.

Our day schools are the best assurance of Jewish continuity. We dare not hurt our vital support for this outstanding system.

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Organizations and People

Racism symposium held

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Four hundred Grade 9 students from seven schools in Winnipeg School Division No. 1 and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate came face to face with racism during a two-day symposium Dec. 10 and 11 at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre.

The Youth Symposium Related to Holocaust and Human Rights Issues, coinciding with Human Rights Day on Dec. 10, was co-sponsored by the Y, Manitoba's largest school division, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education with funding from the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism. This was actually the second such symposium the four co-sponsoring organizations have held. The first was held two years ago following an initiative by the school division.

"A superintendent from Winnipeg School Division No. 1 approached us a couple of years ago about staging a conference on racism," says Naomi Globerman of the Y, one of the symposium organizers. "We agreed and put together a one-day conference for 200 Grade 9 students. We agreed to do it again this year and expand it."

Globerman says the organizers learned some lessons themselves from the last symposium. This time, the presentation was geared more to a Grade 9 level and there was a great deal more hands-on participation.

The symposium ran each day from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with 200 students participating each day.

Life changed

The format each day was the same. Sisler teacher Donna Miller, a member of the organizing committee, welcomed the students and introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Leon Bass, who spoke on Racism and its Consequences. Bass has seen those consequences first hand, both as an American black and as one of the first American soldiers to liberate the Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald.

Bass was the key to the conference according to Globerman. The retired teacher and principal spoke movingly of growing up black in America, about being made to feel he wasn't "good enough" by American society. He related his experiences of racial discrimination as a teenage soldier in training in the South. He spoke of his feelings of anger and bitterness risking his life for a country that didn't consider him "good enough." Then he saw Buchenwald.

"I wasn't prepared for it," he says. "Nobody ever told us about concentration camps. It changed my life. I was made to realize anybody could become victimized by racism."

After the war, Bass went home to Pennsylvania and became a teacher and, later, a principal. Inspired by Martin Luther King, he became active in the civil rights movement. He started talking about racism and the Holocaust 20 years ago after encountering a survivor of Auschwitz trying to speak to a class in his school. He silenced the class by telling them he was there, too. The survivor encouraged him to speak out about his experiences.

The second part of the day saw the students divided into working groups under the direction of the Popular Theatre Alliance, a small street theatre group which focuses on social issues. The students drew posters identifying racist symbols and expressing their feelings about racism, discussed what racism is and created little dramas or tableaus to graphically illustrate racism and actions that can be taken to counter it.

Otzma seeks teens for year in Israel

TORONTO —
The Otzma committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is searching for independant and motivated candidates interested in spending a year in Israel.

To qualify for this subsidized program, candidates must be between the ages of 18-24 and show commitment to the Jewish community.

Otzma is a two-tiered service concept: a year in Israel; followed by a commitment of service at home upon return.

In Israel, the selected young adults from Toronto will join approximately 70 other young adults from North American centres for an intense kibbutz ulpan to acquire the fundamentals of Hebrew to acclimate themselves to Israeli culture. This will be followed by varied experiences in Israel including communal service work in a Project Renewal neighborhood, in a youth aliyah centre and on a kibbutz or moshav. An extensive educational program is provided throughout the year.

Upon returning to Toronto, the participants will use their experiences and education in a leadership role within an area of the Toronto community.

According to Gerald Fisher, director of human resources and coordinator of Otzma: "Otzma is an excellent way for federations to identify gifted young adults with leadership potential at an early stage in their career development. These participants have a wonderful opportunity to create meaningful ties to their local Jewish communities and Israel, which will stimulate them to become active volunteer leaders."

Interviews arranged

Applications are due by the end of February 1992, after which interviews will be arranged and candidates chosen on a rolling basis. It is therefore advantageous to submit your application early.

Selected candidates will be provided with a local orientation in May or June and will depart for Israel following a North American orientation in New York in July, 1992.

For more information about the program or to apply, please contact Karen Beutel, Project Otzma staff assistant, at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (416) 635-2883 ext. 149.

Library section is dedicated for camp leader

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The memory of a popular camp leader, coach and high school teacher was honored at the Albert Latner Jewish Public Library recently when a leadership and sports section was dedicated in the name of Irving Salsberg.

Salsberg, who became director of Camp Northland at the age of 23, was a high and elementary school teacher in Forest Hill for 34 years. He died last year at the age of 61 after a long illness including two severe strokes.

He was best known as head of the physical education department at Forest Hill Collegiate where he coached hundreds of students.

Tributes were paid by Larry Bell, director of Camp Robin Hood, Joan Tobe of Seneca College, Rabbi Zigmund Walkenstein, library director and Cayle Chernin, library president.

The large gathering included former teaching colleagues, students and campers. The family members present included Kitty Salsberg, his wife, a son, Tom (Martin), three daughters, Barbara Mathews, Sharon Rochelle and Mindy, and two grandchildren, Madeline and Mitchell Irving Mathews, the latter only 12 days old at the time of the dedication.

Banquet to benefit Sunnybrook centre

TORONTO —
Over 600 guests and sponsors will attend the official "JAI" fundraising banquet on the evening of Saturday, January 18, at the Regal Constellation Hotel. Proceeds will directly benefit health care research at The Sunnybrook Foundation.

The banquet, a 12-course gourmet vegetarian meal prepared by master chefs flown in from Hong Kong, will feature an athletic-wear fashion show, silent auction and a "Great Art and Auto Extravaganza" auction.

JAI is a phonetically transposed word meaning vegetarian. In the Chinese culture, being vegetarian means more than restricting one's diet. It implies a philosophy of life and a purity of purpose.

For more information about the banquet, contact Elizabeth Warren or Janice Turner at 480-4483.

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Sun to review policy on Jews for Jesus ads

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Toronto *Sun* will review its policy on accepting advertisements from Jews for Jesus.

Sun publisher Paul Godfrey told *The CJN* that a full-page ad from Jews for Jesus in the paper's Dec. 18 edition "got by us. You won't see it in the future."

Each year around Christmas, Jews for Jesus runs newspaper ads explaining why people should accept "Y'Shua" (Jesus) as the Jewish messiah.

The Dec. 18 *Sun* ad was headed "The Universe is Broken ... Can a Jewish baby born in Bethlehem fix it?"

The ad says "There's an old Yiddish proverb that goes, 'When the Messiah comes, all things will be restored.' Could Y'Shua (Hebrew for Jesus) be the one who can fix the universe?' "

It also offered a free booklet.

The Ontario Region of Canadian Jewish Congress immediately protested the ad, charging that Jews for Jesus targets Jews for conversion to Christianity.

"If the ad was brought to my attention, it wouldn't have run," Godfrey said. "It's not the content we found offensive, it's who placed it.

"Sometimes things get into newspapers that shouldn't. This shouldn't have run."

He said the ad was a first for the *Sun* and that from now, all ads from Jews for Jesus and similar groups will have to be cleared by the publisher.

In the meantime, The Mirror, which publishes weeklies in North York and Scarborough, as well as The Etobicoke *Guardian*, will no longer accept ads aimed specifically at religious groups.

Eugene Dupuis, the Mirror's advertising director, said the weeklies will adopt a policy "similar" to that at the Toronto *Star*, which decided in 1988 to prohibit ads from any religious group that targets members of another faith.

That definition included Jews for Jesus.

The Mirror chain is owned by Metroland, a subsidiary of Torstar, the parent company that owns the *Star*.

The Mirror's decision was taken after Julius Ciss, director of Jews for Judaism, a counter-missionary and outreach group and himself a former "Hebrew-Christian," protested ads in the North York *Mirror*, which touted High Holiday services at Congregation Melech Yisrael, a messianic congregation on Ranee Avenue.

CJN GOODIES FOR KIDS

Na'amat volunteers distributed Chanukah presents to the children on the first plane with Russian immigrants to arrive in Israel during Chanukah. Gifts were paid for by the Chanukah Dollars for David campaign, funded in large part by CJN readers and Canadian Jewish schoolchildren.

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Hartley and Rena Lichtblau (seated) present awards to Shirley Beckler (seated right) and (standing from left) Sandy Wiesanthal, Arthur Arnold Reyes, Lois McGinn and Doris Doyle. [BDS studios photo]

Baycrest nurses honored

TORONTO —

Five nursing staff at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care were recently awarded scholarships to enhance their nursing expertise.

The awards were made possible by the Fela and Saul Lichtblau Nursing Scholarship Fund which supports continuing education at Baycrest Centre.

Two of the three Lichtblau children, Hartley and Rena, were on hand at the Baycrest Nursing Clinic Day to present the awards to Sandy Wiesenthal, head nurse on Baycrest Hospital's Concentrated Care and Step Down Units; Arthur Arnold Reyes, a health care aide in the Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA); Lois McGinn, an assistant director of JHA Nursing; Doris Doyle, an assistant director of Hospital Nursing; and, Shirley Beckles, a JHA health care aide.

The recipients will apply their awards in different ways. Weisenthal and McGinn will attend a conference of the Gerontological Society of America in San Francisco; Reyes and Beckles are taking the Registered Nursing Assistant Program at Humber College; and Doyle will attend the 19th Annual Caring Conference in Melbourne, Australia.

The Lichtblaus established the scholarship because they recognize the vital role nursing staff play providing of high quality care to Baycrest clients. They believe that each nurse should be encouraged to increase knowledge and further professional growth.

The annual award for one or more nurses was first presented in 1988.

London Jewish students commemorate Kristallnacht

By
WENDOLYN KAUFFMAN

LONDON, Ont. —

"And I thought the dead more fortunate than the living."

This quotation from a concentration camp inmate appeared on a poster in the University of Western Ontario campus centre where approximately 200 students and faculty and 50 children from the London Jewish day school joined to commemorate Kristallnacht in a ceremony which, organizers believe, is unique in its symbolism.

It was impossible not to be swept up by the sad ambience of the ceremony. Panels showed pictures of the Holocaust. Among the array of artifacts on a table were a prisoner's concentration camp uniform and the remnants of cherished black-and-white photographs, lovingly preserved by Matilda Radvanyi, a Holocaust survivor from the London community.

In front of the display area lay a huge piece of glass with a red swastika painted in the centre. The swastika dominated the entire room — a haunting reminder of the past.

The ceremony began with the lighting of six candles to remember the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust. Elementary school students read poems written by young victims, no older than they themselves.

In a monologue describing the anguish of an inmate of the camps, Jo-Anne Schneeweiss, a student at Western, cited "moments that murdered [her] G-d and [her] soul."

Anthony Lowenstein, another UWO student, spoke of the importance of remembering the past and the imperative to educate Canada's youth about Jewish history. He focused on the future, when the remaining survivors would no longer be alive: "You and I are going to have to tell them!"

Not all the speakers were Jewish. Habeeb Al-Aidroos, director of the University Campus Centre, urged students to be aware of racism and not to passively permit such atrocities to slip by. Al-Aidroos' statement followed a speech by Craig Shepherd, UWO student council president, condemning racial discrimination on campus.

Rabbi Shalom Kurz, of Beth Tefilah synagogue in London, recited the memorial prayer from the Yizkor service.

The commemoration, co-ordinated by Kathryn Kaminsky, a member of the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, involved other prominent members of the London Jewish community. Gerald Enchin, executive director of the London Jewish Federation, and Jerry Klein, who flew with the British Royal Air Force during World War II, both contributed to the candle-lighting ceremony and the poetry reading.

The ceremony came to an abrupt end when Shelly Feld, Coalition president, smashed the glass panel bearing the swastika. The shattered glass in the campus centre symbolized the broken glass of Kristallnacht.

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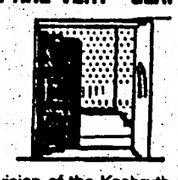

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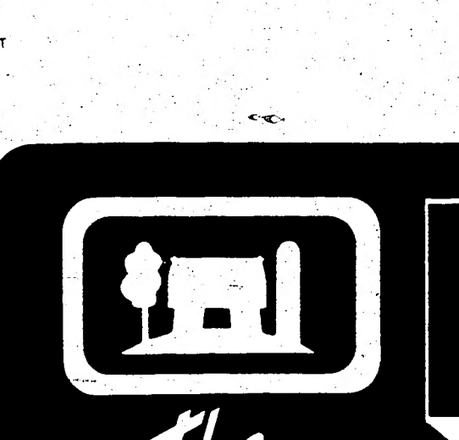

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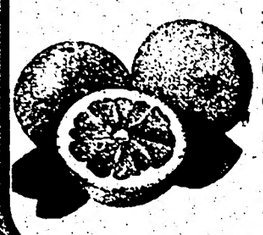

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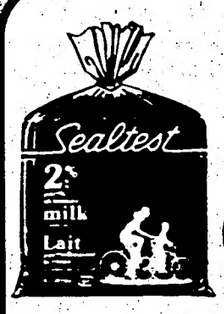

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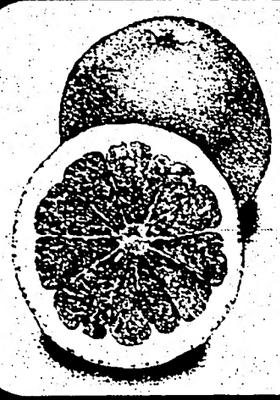

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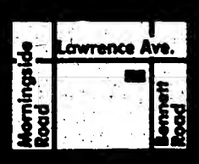

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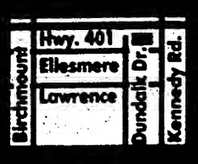

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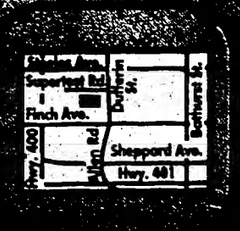

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Organizations and People

Stern avoids ice fights over racist slurs

By
HARLAN ABBEY

BUFFALO —

One of the biggest on-ice fights of the National Hockey League season marked the Sabres game with the Calgary Flames on Sunday, Dec. 8, and it wasn't surprising to find the Flames' rugged right wing, Ron Stern, in the middle of it.

But Stern, one of three Jewish players in the National Hockey League, emphasized, in a pre-game interview, that there is a major difference between being a "physical" hockey player and being a "goon" sent out on the ice to intimidate the other team.

"If you're only out there on the ice for one or two shifts a game and you fight on one shift, then you're a 'goon'," he explained.

"But if you're out there 15 or 20 times a game and you're in one fight . . . A goon is someone you put out on the ice and hope the other team doesn't score while they're out there."

Late last season, defenceman Mattieu Schneider of the Montreal Canadians reportedly was called an anti-Semitic name by a member of the Sabres, at a time when Mike Hartman — the NHL's third Jewish player — was on the team.

Schneider has refused to repeat the slur or to name the player who uttered it.

Stern admitted he would not immediately drop his gloves and start fighting if he encountered anti-Semitism on the ice:

"To me, an anti-Semitic remark would be no worse than being called a 'Newfie' if you're from Newfoundland or hearing a racial slur if you're black.

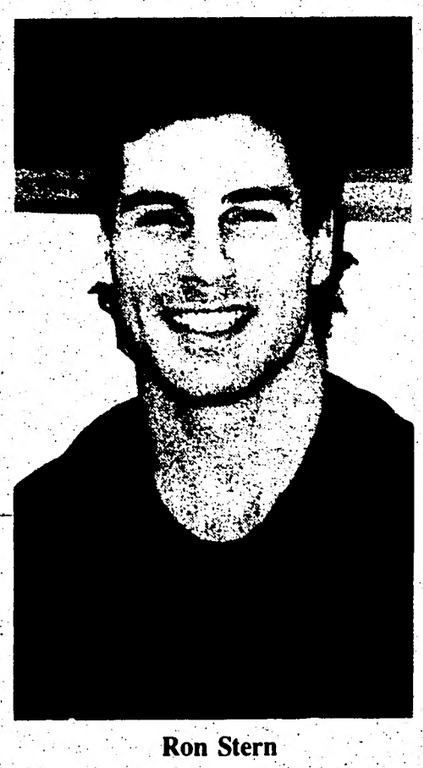
"If someone did say something anti-Semitic to me, it wouldn't surprise me — but a lot of other players probably don't know I'm Jewish. I'd probably just say 'Now that took a lot of guts'."

Turning to other aspects of his play in his second full NHL season (in two previous seasons he had 66 games with Vancouver but spent most of the season in the International and American (minor) Leagues), the 6-foot, 195-lb. athlete said he's been in a scoring slump, noting:

"The three goals and four assists I have so far the most points I've ever scored — but I scored them all in our first 12 games and haven't had a point since.

"It's still one of my goals, although my main one is to keep our coach, Doug Riseborough, happy by playing well and playing 'strong.' If he's happy, then you are.

"Still, 15 goals would be a nice number because you can play hard and hit hard, but when it comes time to renegotiate your salary, they do look at the statistics; 15 goals would make me happy."



Ron Stern

Stern believes there are so few Jewish hockey players in the NHL because most of them take the college scholarship route and combine education and sports "with their parents pushing them to pay more attention to their studies since sports is such a long shot.

"It's a rare thing for a Jewish kid to make it, and the three of us have pride in doing so."

Stern also noted that Canadian colleges do not give hockey scholarships, and the colleges near his native Montreal didn't play as good a brand of hockey as the top American universities.

Stern said he has known Schneider for several years but only met Hartman last summer at a softball tournament in Niagara Falls.

"He came up to me and said 'So you're Jewish, too.' That was our thing," Stern recalled.

Stern plays on a line with Joe Otto at centre and alternating left wing: "You'd probably call us a checking line, although we don't go out against the other team's top scoring line. A lot depends on who we're playing.

"As far as our team in general, I'd say we're working hard to learn to win as a team. Before we had individuals that could carry a team. But now the league is so competitive our stars are learning to let the other players help them out more."

The Flames arrived in Buffalo at 2 a.m. after playing at Montreal the night before.

"I went to sleep until 11 a.m.," Stern said, "then we had a meeting and ate lunch. We went for a walk, took a nap, and got to the rink aroun1 4:30 p.m.

"After a game there's more of a tendency to go out for a bite to eat, a beer and some talk when you win. But we do have a curfew. Since this is our second game in two nights and we'll probably be too tired to go out."

Although still somewhat of a newcomer to the Flames, defenceman Dick Nattress said Stern "helps keep us loose. He has the happy-go-lucky attitude you need in a game with so many ups and downs.

"He's a team player who works hard and will sacrifice himself to block a shot, to take a hit or to stick up for a teammate.

"He likes to be in the thick of things, too, in the playful little arguments in the dressing room."

Calgary coach Riseborough characterized Stern as "a heart and soul player, very popular with his teammates because of his optimistic, upbeat approach. He could score more . . . but his strength is being a physical, hard-nosed player.

"I think Ron Stern has more to give than we've seen to date."

Basketball team a possibility

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For Mal Coven and his band of basketball buddies, it took only 10 days of meetings over bagels and coffee to put together a venture they expect will lead to the introduction of pro basketball in Toronto in May 1993.

On the 10th day they switched the menu to hot dogs and soft drinks and gathered at the Primrose Club to officially launch the Toronto contingent in the World Basketball League (WBL).

Dubbed the *Toronto Terminators*, Hogtown's team in the WBL will sport the silver and black colors of such successful sports franchises as the Los Angeles Raiders and the Los Angeles Kings, along with the marketing potential that those colors bring.

With a fee of only $200,000 for a 40 per cent interest in the team (the league retains the remaining 60 per cent), Coven and his coterie of partners will see a dream come true. Like the Al Davises and Bruce McNalls of the sports world, they too will own a piece of a professional sports franchise in one of the continent's most feverish sports towns.

The *Terminators* will join Canadian contingents in Saskatchewan, Calgary, Halifax and Hamilton in a league known for its fast-paced action, international competition against European squads and its six-foot-five height limitation on players.

Coven, owner of the Bi-Way chain of discount stores, believes Torontonians will take to the WBL because of its high entertainment value and because the league's cap on expenses allows owners to make game tickets affordable to everyone.

He is billing the league, whose season runs from May to September, as entertainment for the entire family. A family of four should be able to enjoy a game for around $20, he said.

While a venue for the *Terminators* has yet been located, Coven is confident he'll find an arena sizeable enough to seat enough fans to make the low ticket prices a reality. (A representative of Maple Leaf Gardens was on hand at the ceremony launching the team.)

Besides ticket revenues, Coven is banking on the sale of corporate sponsorships to generate the money to make the venture profitable.

The Hamilton franchise, which takes to the courts in 1992, has already sold close to $500,000 in sponsorships and Toronto, with a much larger population base, should be able to exceed that easily, he said.

Coven, who is part of a group of investors who acquired Majestic Electronics last September, said the decision to obtain a franchise was done quickly because "those who know me at Bi-Way know that when I see a good item, I'm the first to jump on it."

After inquiries into a basketball franchise in another league did not pan out, Coven got a call from Ron Foxcroft, president of the WBL's Hamilton Skyhawks. He was quickly sent a package of material describing the league and concluded it was well organized, had substantial money behind it and featured corporate sponsors from high profile enterprises like Coca Cola.

After 10 days of discussions, Coven lined up about 20 partners interested in the venture and he expects other investors will be forthcoming to buy into the team.

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Todd Simon, centre for the Niagara Falls Thunder of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), has overcome a slow start to vault into fourth place in the OHL scoring derby.

After 31 games, the Toronto native had scored 21 goals and 37 assists for 58 points, while taking only 28 minutes in penalties.

Last season, Simon finished third overall in the (OHL) scoring race.

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Baycrest launches outpatient centre to provide therapy

TORONTO —

After five months in hospital following a debilitating stroke two years ago, Anna Zigelman was overjoyed to be well enough to return to her family.

She was thrilled to discover that she could continue her therapy at Baycrest Hospital following her discharge from the Rehabilitation Unit.

While living at home, she was able to attend an outpatient day program where she received intensive therapy, counselling and support from a team of skilled health care professionals.

"After my stroke I had to learn to use my right arm and leg all over again. I don't know what I would have done without the staff of the Day Treatment Centre who helped me regain my strength and my independence," Zigelman told the guests at the centre's recent dedication in honor of donors, Rae and the late Saul Saltzman.

"You never think something like this will happen to you. I thank, with all my heart, the people at Baycrest who helped me in my recovery. And I thank the Saltzman family for their generous support of this much needed program. You will help many others like myself."

In expressing his gratitude to the Saltzmans on behalf of Baycrest, president and chief executive officer Stephen W. Herbert said: "While quality institutional care for the elderly will always be necessary, this type of program, which helps clients while allowing them to remain at home, is clearly the model for the future."

Surrounded by more than 100 family members and friends who joined her for the dedication of the Saul and Rae Saltzman Day Treatment Centre, Rae Saltzman expressed her pleasure at being able to support "such a worthwhile and necessary program.

"The birth of this project was a combination of the family commitment to the community, Mom's particular interest in Baycrest, and Dad's financial success," said daughter Eleanor Godfrey, who spoke on behalf of the family which includes her sisters and their husbands, Roz and Ralph Halbert, Marilyn and Charles Gold and her husband, Leonard Godfrey, 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

With pride and emotion Godfrey described Saul as a loving husband and patriarch who struggled and worked hard to make a better life for his family.

At the age of 14, Saltzman left his home in Lodz, Poland wearing a paper suit and no shoes. He found work in Berlin, then Paris, and finally made his way to Toronto where he joined his two brothers, Aaron and Hymie, in 1926.

From a modest beginning manufacturing caps and women's clothing, he later became a successful land developer.

Although he passed away two years ago, Saltzman's desire to share his good fortune and help others has been carried on by his wife of 57 years.

This self-contained unit on the first floor of Baycrest Hospital serves approximately 30 outpatients a week who have suffered a debilitating illness such as a stroke. Many have been recently discharged from a hospital or acute rehabilitation program, but have not recovered fully.

Patients are assessed by a multi-disciplinary team which provides them with an individualized program including medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, nutritional counselling, recreation and support groups. Patients visit the centre twice a week for approximately four months, after which they may be referred to other programs at Baycrest or in the community to help them maintain their physical and mental well-being.

The Saul and Rae Saltzman Day Treatment Centre

Celebrating the recent dedication of the Saul and Rae Saltzman Day Treatment Centre at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care are: Rae Saltzman (second from left) and her daughters (from left) Eleanor Godfrey, Marilyn Gold and Roz Halbert.

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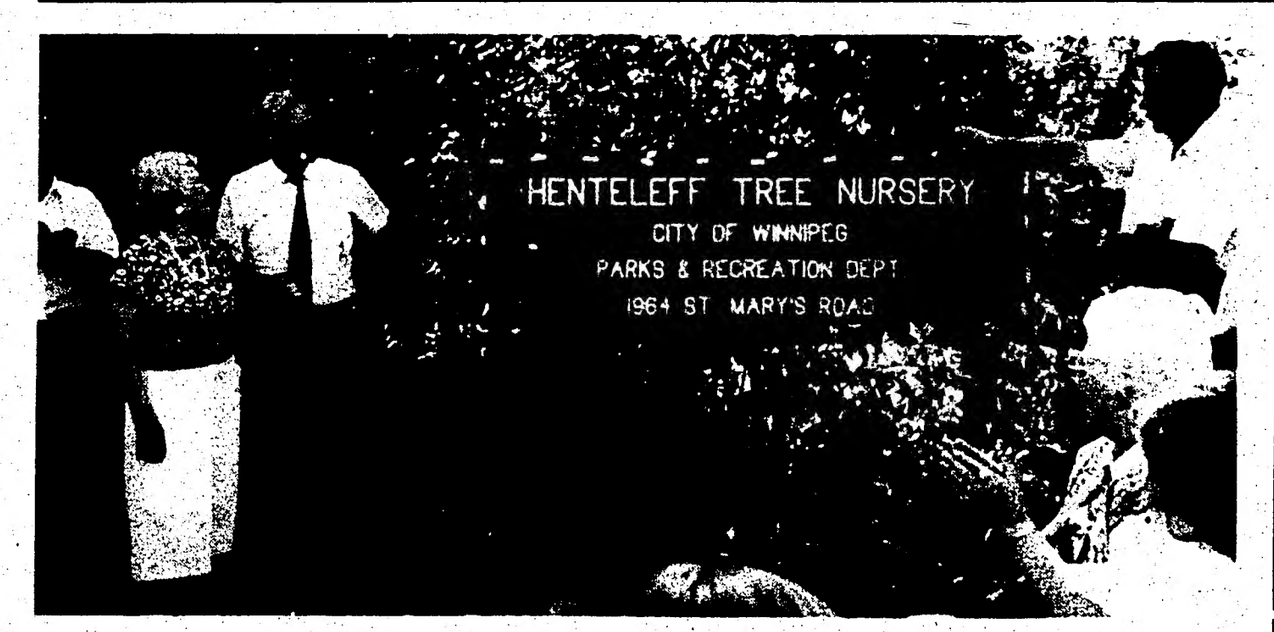

Yude and Rose Henteleff (left) hold hands during the ceremony.

Winnipeg lawyer recognized for market gardening efforts

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

It has been a year of highs and lows for Winnipeg lawyer Yude Henteleff and the Henteleff family. In November, Henteleff was presented with a plaque by the Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba for 25 years of service to the organization he helped found.

Three months earlier, the Henteleff Family was honored for its pioneering efforts in market gardening in Manitoba. A piece of the old homestead just across from the University of Manitoba on the edge of the city has been turned into a tree nursery and named for the family. Henteleff and his 91-year-old mother, Rose, were there. Sadly, his younger sister, Clare Turner of Toronto, was not. She passed away in June.

The Henteleff family came to Canada from Russia in 1907. Yude Henteleff's zayde was pursuing his dream of owning land. He was unique among prospective Jewish farmers in western Canada in that he actually had some farming experience. The family homestead is in the French community of St. Anne, just east of Winnipeg, where they were joined by a few other Jewish farmers.

"My father and his brothers grew up speaking Yiddish, Hebrew, Ukrainian and French," Yude Henteleff recalls. "English came later."

Although the Jewish farm families were well accepted in the community, the farming was difficult and they were adversely affected by the 1919 flu epidemic. In the early 1920s, the Henteleffs left St. Anne and bought some property closer to Winnipeg in St. Vital.

"The soil was rich, but it was back-breaking work clearing the trees," Henteleff recalls. His father, Nathan, worked in the fur industry in the winters and on the land in the summers. The family moved onto their land to live in the mid-1930s when Henteleff was 6.

Henteleff recalls being 10 years old and selling vegetables on weekends from a roadside stand. "There were times during the Depression when that was the only income we had for the week," he says. His father, he says, was a pioneer. He never stopped studying and researching. In St. Anne, the family were grain and livestock farmers. In St. Vital, Nathan Henteleff turned to market gardening.

He was in regular contact with seed companies across North America and was one of the first growers in Manitoba to grow canteloupe, watermelon, peppers and eggplant. He was always an optimist, his son recalls.

It was a hard life of work from morning to night. Yet it was also quite a social life. The Henteleffs had a large mispocha and there were always a lot of visitors on Sundays in the summers. There was also a lot of socializing with the non-Jewish neighbors.

Nathan and Rose Henteleff remained on the farm until 1978. Much of the land had already been expropriated by the city for a green belt along the river. Nathan Henteleff died in 1984. About a year ago, the government decided to recognize the Henteleffs' contributions to market gardening in Manitoba and name the tree nursery after them.

"It was a wonderful gathering," recalls Yude Henteleff. "A lot of the neighbors in the district, as well as members of the Jewish community, were there. It was not only an honor for the family but also a testimonial to this country where Jews were able to own land freely and without prejudice and be involved in the nourishing feeling of working the land."

Yude Henteleff left the land to become a lawyer. The founding partner in the firm Buchwald Asper Henteleff has long been active in the Jewish community. Most recently, he was elected an associate governor of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Although perhaps less well known, his contributions to the general society have even more significant.

It was because one of his children was learning disabled that he became one of the co-founders of the Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba. (A learning disabled child is one who is of average or superior intelligence who is unable to learn in the same way other children do.) He served as the organization's first president and also served as president of the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada in the mid-1970s.

He continues to serve as honorary counsel to both organizations and is currently chairing a federal government task force in association with the Bronfman Foundation whose aim is to determine how best to advance the legal cause of learning disabled people under the Charter of Rights and human rights codes. Henteleff has strong feelings about the plight of learning disabled children and adults.

Through his children he has also been heavily involved in Winnipeg's theatre scene. He was a co-founder of Prairie Theatre Exchange (Winnipeg's second theatre company), chaired fundraising campaigns for both the Manitoba Theatre Centre and the Theatre for Young People and is active in the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre. He is also a co-founder of the Winnipeg Children's Museum.

Despite his city life, Henteleff hasn't lost touch with his farming roots. A graduate agronomist, he is still involved with the farm business community from which he draws many clients and for many years was a lecturer at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Agriculture on farm business and the law. He has spoken over the years to many farm groups.

He reports the rest of the Henteleff homestead will soon be turned into a wilderness park to be called Henteleff Park. "To our family, it will always be the farm," he says, "the place that meant so much to us and to other members of the Jewish community, a special place always associated with very special people."

CJC plenary seeks draft resolutions

TORONTO —

Ontario Jewry is invited to contribute to the formal policy and decision-making process of Canadian Jewish Congress for the next three years, CJC Ontario region chairman Eric W. Slavens has announced.

Jewish organizations and individuals are asked to submit draft resolutions by Jan. 31 for the 23rd National CJC Plenary Assembly to take place May 20-24 at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel. Congress has been the voice of Canadian Jewry for over 70 years.

Resolutions are openly debated at several forums during the triennial Plenary, explained Slavens. The Ontario region has sent out 1,500 letters to all members of its regional council, chairmen of regional committees, delegates to the Plenary, and constituent organizations.

Draft resolutions should be submitted to the attention of Naomi Jacobs-Brounstein, chair of Ontario Region's Pre-Assembly Resolutions Committee, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2.

This Resolutions Committee is mandated to solicit resolutions to be proposed for introduction at the Plenary Assembly; to consider whether proposed resolutions are proper and desirable, and to report to the chairman of the Assembly Resolutions Committee.

"The Plenary Assembly is the time when the Jewish community can express itself through resolutions as to the policies to be followed by Congress during the ensuing three years," said Jacobs-Brounstein. "Consequently it is important that proper resolutions on matters within the jurisdiction of Congress be put forward."

Meanwhile, Slavens has written presidents of Ontario Jewish organizations regarding the appointment of delegates to the Assembly. More information about delegate selection and resolutions can be obtained from CJC regional executive director Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz, (416) 635-2883, ext. 126.

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UJA leader moves to Israel

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

When Zelda Lootsteen settles in Israel again after having lived in Canada for 24 years, she will be a witness to the fruits of all her labor.

As director of the Societies Division, United Jewish Appeal, Lootsteen has spent the past 24 years fundraising for the country that has never left her heart or mind.

Lootsteen, a native of England, moved to Israel as a young girl and began a life-long love affair with the country. "My mother, very much for king and country, wanted me to grow up as a society lady. To leave home at age 20 with a pack on my back was not what she had planned. Eventually however, I did become the society lady," she says with a chuckle.

When she arrived in Canada with her husband and two children after the Six-Day War, she wanted a job that had to do with Israel, and the result was a 24 year relationship with the United Jewish Appeal.

"Over the years at UJA I have worked in several areas, and eventually moved into fundraising in the department of synagogues and societies. As we built up the divisions, painstaknigly gathering lists, contacts and information, the job was split in two, which is how I became the society lady."

Lootsteen says that this area of the United Jewish Appeal "has proved to be the most wonderfully interesting area. I have been privileged to meet up with Jews from all over Eastern Europe, people who have fought so hard to make a life in Canada."

She says that when her son and daughter-in-law, who live in Israel, took a tour through Czechoslovakia and Poland "we bought a map to follow their journey and because of all the people I deal with every day, I felt as though I had been a part of these places."

Zelda Lootsteen

She explains that when people who belong to such societies as Chenstochover Aid Society, Chmelnick Society, Lithuanian Jews, Jews of Hungarian Descent, Ostrovtzer, Stashiver Society and Zaglembier Society, came to Canada after the war, they began these organizations in order to help each other.

"They helped each other out physically and as well often helped to put each other in business. Once they had established themselves in Canada they turned their energies to helping Jews in their own community and in Israel."

She adds that each society has its own president and a separate United Jewish Appeal chairman. "Most societies now pass laws that every member has to make a donation to the UJA. As well, the societies give as a group to purchase projects in Israel. Most members can easily relate to the Operation Exodus campaign because they, themselves were uprooted."

Looking back on her job, Lootsteen says that she "loves the challenge of fundraising. Every dollar I raise went to my own satisfaction. I also fell in love with all the people I worked with — society members, chairman and volunteers. I was fascinated by listening to all they had to say about their own shtetl and towns and the miraculous way they survived the Holocaust."

She concedes that part of the reason so much money was raised by the societies was because "I was so positive and keen for things to go well. I am really going to miss the excitement of fundraising. I'll miss the early morning and late night meetings but most of all I'll miss all the people I've grown to love. We have developed a very warm relationship and I've given them confidence that donating to the UJA is the right thing to do."

Lootsteen says that one of the priorities of the UJA is local education. "Spending money on education is one of the best investments a community can make in its future. My own children went to Bialik Hebrew Day School and I am eternally grateful for the education they received. Both children now live in Israel and I can thank the Hebrew day school system for teaching them to master Hebrew. There is no way they could have attained this without their day school education."

She says that she has "spent 24 wonderful years at this job but I am ready to go on to the next stage in my life. I am going with a warm lovely feeling of my years in Canada but now I want to rest on my laurels and enjoy all that Israel has to offer in these historic times. Rather than feel sad for retiring I have the feeling of going on a new adventure."

Antique appraisal clinic part of Yorkdale show

NORTH YORK —

Leslie Fink of Leslie Fink Appraisals Inc. will help shoppers discover if they own trash or treasure at an antique appraisal clinic taking place during the Yorkdale Antique Show (Jan. 13-18) at Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

Fink, a former appraiser with Sotheby's, will be at the show Friday, Jan. 17 and Saturday, Jan. 18 at a booth near the HMV store. For a $5 fee, shoppers can bring up to three items for Fink to appraise.

If a customer has an item that's too big or heavy to bring to Fink, she says she can try to analyze a clear photograph of the object.

Proceeds from Fink's appraisals will be donated to a North York hospital.

Fink holds a diploma of fine art from the University of British Columbia and a degree in art history from Carleton University. She apprenticed with Sotheby's, a leading international auction house in England, and worked as an appraiser and auctioneer in both its New York and Toronto offices. She has also worked for other auction houses such as Phillips Ward-Price Ltd. and Christie, Manson and Woods Ltd.

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Campus project on course

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Jewish community fundraising organizations were given an update on the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's proposed campus project at a meeting held on Dec. 4. According to Bob Freedman, the WJCC's executive director, those in attendance at the meeting were informed that 18 members of the community have pledged over $5-million to the project.

In 1992, the community is launching a major fundraising effort under the chairmanship of Laurie Mainster to raise several million dollars more. The campaign will run from the beginning of April through to the end of the year with the exception of the yearly September-October moratorium for the CJA campaign.

"It's not a done deal yet," Freedman says. "There are still a number of pieces to the puzzle. In addition to trying to raise funds within the Jewish community, we will also be looking to government, business and private foundations. It takes time to pull everything together. If everything falls into place, we are tentatively planning to build in 1993 and open in 1994."

The campus project is envisaged as a new combination Jewish high school and community centre in south Winnipeg replacing the downtown YMHA Jewish Community Centre and north Winnipeg Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate. The Y building is about 40 years old and the high school not many years younger.

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Organizations and People

Sammy Taft with Bob Mosienko of the Chicago Black Hawks.

Hatter part of hockey history

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Sammy Taft, Toronto's famous 78-year-old hatter, has gained a niche in the history of hockey.

An eight-minute video telling the story of how Taft originated hockey's "hat trick" will be shown soon on Hockey Night in Canada as part of the National Hockey League's 75th anniversary and may be sold along with other hockey souvenirs in all cities with NHL teams. The video costs $15.

It is now available in the souvenir shop at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

In the 1930s, Chicago Black Hawk player Alex Kaleta visited Taft's store, then on Spadina Avenue, but couldn't make up his mind about a particular fedora, saying he couldn't afford it. "I told him that if he scored three goals against the Leafs that night I would give him a hat," said Taft. "What do you think he did? He scored four goals." Only three are necessary for a "hat trick".

That's how the "hat trick" was born.

The video features film showing the "hat trick" of Alex Klima of the Edmonton Oilers in the 1990 Stanley Cup Series. It also shows Taft in his latest store on Wilson Avenue, near Bathurst Street, looking over photographs of celebrities who came in to buy hats, including Bob Hope, Jack Benny and Jimmy Durante.

The "hat trick" was also featured in a segment of the Hollywood TV situation comedy *Kate and Allie*. Bernie Orenstein of Toronto being one of the writers. Again Taft is given credit for the term, though he did not appear on the show. But friends and relatives all over North America who did see the TV show have phoned the Taft home in North York.

The Canadian video was produced for Molestar Communications by Robert Cole of JTD Video Productions.

BBW/C helps keep kids warm

By
RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —
Fewer inner city school children will be cold this winter, thanks to the B'nai Brith Women of Canada.

B'nai Brith Women of Montreal recently presented that city's Protestant School Board with 1,005 pairs of wool mittens, hats and scarves to be distributed to needy chidren, and B'ani Brith organizations in Winnpeg and Toronto recently made similar contributions to school boards in their respective cities.

BBW/C executive director Penny Krowitz says there's been "a tremendous response" to the second annual Mountain of Mittens project, not only from B'nai Brith members and non-affiliated individuals who have been knitting for months, but also from several businesses that have donated wool. "The children's needs are greater this year because of the economic situation," she says. "So everyone is getting involved."

Krowitz cites, as an example, 80-year-old Etta Hoffman who, for the last three months has been knitting 15-20 pairs of mittens a week. Hoffman started knitting "sometime in the 1920s," and has been a member of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto for 35 years.

"I do it for the children," says Hoffman. "I'll do anything for the children."

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Eye on Arts

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The scripts can be one- or three-act plays, either an original or adapted from a book or other language.

Ralph Wintrob, chairman of the theatre committee said: "Experience has shown that theatre can serve as a powerful tool in social and political change, modern Jewish theatre should reflect the realities of current concerns of the Jewish community in the rapidly changing world."

The prize is a public support reading of the winning play.

Deadline for submission is April 30, 1992. Anyone interested in participating can obtain the rules from the theatre committee at (416) 635-2883, ext. 154, or send enquiries to Pauline Pont, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

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Musical series

The Musical Heritage Series at Holy Blossom Temple continues with Nathan Lam from the Steven S. Wise Temple in Los Angeles as cantor-in-residence from Jan. 24 to 26.

On the 24th he will present an Oneg Shabbat lecture on The Image of the Cantor in Motion Pictures. His presentation will include a Hollywood film illustrating the changing role of the cantor in motion pictures. From the silent movies of the '20s to the thrillers and science fiction movies of the present, the cantor has often been a part of the story. Sometimes it is the individual's personal desire to sing that forms the basis of the movie. Sometimes the cantor and his duties form part of the backdrop against which other action is played. Lam will offer some interesting and provocative observations.

On the 25th, he will join Cantor Benjamin Maissner in the Shabbat morning service at 10:30 a.m. His presentation will take the form of a sermon in song which will include a preview of sacred Jewish music in the 21st century.

On the 26th, Lam will address the Brotherhood Breakfast Club where he will show a montage of film clips about the musical life of Irving Berlin (Israel Baline).

Lam began his study of cantorial music at the age of 8. Lam is a well-known concert artist who has performed throughout the United States and in South America, Israel and Canada. He has been instrumental in commissioning well-known American composers to write for Steven S. Wise Temple. Two albums, *Legacy* and *Regeneration*, have received high critical praise.

Cantor Lam is also known as "vocal coach to the stars" through his work with many personalities from stage, screen and the recording industry including Belinda Carlisle, Tyne Daly, Geena Davis, Barry Bostwick, Burt Reynolds, Lionel Richie, Rod Stewart, Linda Ronstadt and Kenny Rogers.

Cantor Lam is currently president of the Cantors' Assembly.

For further information, please phone Barbara at 789-3291.

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Special concerts

Victor Feldbrill will conduct the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for three special concerts Jan. 15, Jan. 16 and Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. at Roy Thomson Hall.

Feldbrill was music director and conductor of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for 10 years, Tokyo's Geidai Philharmonia, Japan's oldest orchestra, for seven years and was also the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's resident conductor for four years.

Feldbrill is music director and principal conductor of the Hamilton Symphony Orchestra, a post he has held since 1990. After the Toronto concerts, the celebration will continue as Feldbrill will be in concert Jan. 23 in Hamilton and then on tour with Ottawa's National Arts Centre Orchestra in Eastern Canada in March and in Western Canada in May.

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Patterns of Jewish Life, a major exhibition, will run from Jan. 12 to April 26 in the Martin Gropius Building.

It will focus on Jewish religious life, the socio-economic status of Jews throughout the ages, literature influenced by Judaism and contemporary centres of Jewish existence.

Patterns of Jewish Life will be supplemented by a series of concerts, plays, films, lectures and discussions.

Organizers say the purpose of the exhibition is "to shatter the traditional image of 'the Jew' which has survived until the present day."

Related exhibitions in Berlin will deal with the history of Jewish cemeteries and the Holocaust.

Further information can be obtained from the German National Tourist Office in Toronto (175 Bloor East, Suite 604. Tel: 968-1570).

Beatty skilfully portrays mobster

Jewish gangsters are in vogue nowadays, at least in Hollywood.

First there was *Mobsters*, which highlighted Meyer Lansky. Then there was *Billy Bathgate*, which featured Dutch Shultz, aka Arthur Flegenheimer. Now, in *Bugsy*, director Barry Levinson (*Avalon, Tin Men, Rain Man*) gives us *Bugsy*, which is based on the short and violent life of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel.

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In case you hadn't heard, J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI branded Siegel as "the most dangerous man in America." Born in the slums of Brooklyn, he rose through the ranks of Murder Inc., a coalition of Jewish and Italian gangsters. By the mid-1940s, he was one of the most feared criminals in the United States.

Bugsy, playing at Famous Players theatres, takes up the thread of Siegel's notorious career in crime as he arrives in Los Angeles to seize control of the rackets in southern California. Siegel, who's skilfully played by the dashing Warren Beatty, is portrayed as a brutal thug, a dapper ladies' man and a concerned Jew who wants to assassinate Benito Mussolini before he exterminates the Jews of Europe. (Historically, Hitler was a far, far greater threat to Jews than the strutting and ineffectual Italian dictator.)

Bugsy, which is ably directed by Levinson, turns on two sub-plots — Siegel's adulterous involvement with a minor actress named Virginia Hill (the alluring Annette Bening), and his obsession with building a casino/hotel complex in the sands of Nevada. James Toback's script, which is based on actual events, is more often than not engaging and zesty.

Levinson throws in a cast of familiar faces to play the racketeers who were associated with Siegel — Ben Kingsley as the deliberate Lansky, Harvey Keitel as crazy Ben Cohen, Elliott Gould as sad-sack Harry Greenberg and the late Bill Graham as the tempestuous Charles "Lucky" Luciano. Joe Mantegna is cast as Siegel's crony, the rakish actor George Raft.

On the whole, *Bugsy* is a sympathetic portrayal of Siegel. I suspect he would have liked it.

Warren Beatty as Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel.

•In her debut as a director in 1983, Barbra Streisand gave us a film based on a story by Isaac Bashevis Singer, *Yentl, The Yeshiva Boy*, in which a Jewish girl in Poland dresses up as a boy in order to study the Talmud.

In her latest movie, *The Prince of Tides*, Streisand is cast as Susan Lowenstein, an unhappily married New York Jewish psychiatrist who tries to help a suicidal poet (Melinda Dillon) who falsely claims that her Southern American parents are Holocaust survivors.

But before she can be treated, Susan must question her brother Tom Wingo (Nick Nolte), a hard, cynical, out-of-work football coach/English teacher whose marriage is in tatters. Their initial meeting is tense and unproductive, but as they delve into the mystery of Tom's sister's torment, long-suppressed memories are unlocked, and Tom and Susan fall in love.

They are an odd couple — Susan is a self-admitted "Jewish mother" type, while Tom is a quintessential Southern jock with literary leanings. Not surprisingly, there is no real chemistry between them, but *The Prince of Tides* is, nevertheless, satisfying.

Nolte is particularly good as Streisand's blustery lover. Streisand seems a little uncomfortable in her role.

The Prince of the Tides is playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

•At the core of *At Play in the Fields of the Lord* is a people's struggle for physical survival and cultural self-determination. In the great Brazilian rain forest, condescending Christian missionaries and ruthless mercenaries target the Niaruna, a Stone Age tribe which basically wants to be left alone. Outgunned and outnumbered, the Indians are hard-pressed to resist the genocidal impulses of the mercenaries, who implicitly work with the missionaries.

Hector Babenco's film, which is lush, sweeping and serious-minded, stars Tom Berenger, John Lithgow, Daryl Hannah, Aidan Quinn and Kathy Bates. Tom Waits is totally miscast as a scruffy, profane Jewish bush pilot.

Look for it at Famous Players theatres.

•*The Inner Circle* is a gripping tale of Soviet totalitarianism which deals indirectly with anti-Semitism. Ivan Sanshin (Tom Hulce) is pressed into duty as Stalin's personal projectionist. Blindly loyal to the dictator (Alexandre Zbruev), Sanshin sells his soul, and his wife's body, to keep his job.

The portrayal of anti-Semitism is evident in at least two scenes. In the first instance, a half-drunken policeman in Sanshin's tenement expresses the view that no one, "especially Jews," can be trusted amid a mounting sense of fear in Soviet society. Shortly afterward, Aaron Gubelman, a highly-placed Jewish official, is arrested as "an enemy of the people." Much later in the film, Katya (Bess Meyer) — Gubelman's daughter — confronts the issue of anti-Semitism head-on when she confides in Sanshin that, as a Jew, she has no chance of being admitted to a university.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *The Inner Circle* is the first major picture filmed inside the Kremlin. It is based on the life of Alexander Ganshin, who was Stalin's projectionist from 1935 to 1953.

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Documentary a tribute to Babi Yar victims

Television

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Three television documentaries to watch for...

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m., CBC TV showcases the Montreal Yiddish Theatre Group's recent tour of the former Soviet Union.

At the centre of the documentary, entitled *Moving Mountains*, is Dora Wasserman, the irrepressible director of the company.

Wasserman and her troupe were allowed to visit the Soviet Union and expose audiences to Jewish culture because so much had changed since Mikhail Gorbachev's accession to power in March 1985. If not for his reforms, it's doubtful whether such a trip would have been possible.

For Wasserman, it was a tearful homecoming. The sister she has not seen in decades suddenly appears on a stage, and Wasserman sheds tears of joy as they embrace.

Wasserman, too, revisits Chernikoff, her birthplace. Once home to 3,600 Jewish families, which were largely wiped out in the Holocaust, Chernikoff now has only a handful of Jewish residents, including a grandmotherly figure in a babushka.

Before the visit ends, Wasserman has a reunion with an old friend in Moscow and enjoys a meal with relatives in Kiev who can't quite decide whether they wish to emigrate.

Moving Mountains, which is occasionally touching, pays homage to the victims of the Babi Yar massacre, highlights the resurgence of Jewish culture and education in the Soviet Union and warns of the possibility of a new wave of anti-Semitism, in which Jews are blamed for economic and political ills.

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On Friday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. on CBC TV, *Canadian Reflections* features a short movie by Toronto filmmaker Yariv Kohn.

Harry Weinberg's Notebook is about memory and friendship — the memories of two elderly Jewish gentlemen and the friendship between Weinberg and an attractive young woman.

The chief protagonist is Weinberg (Nate Garnick), a feisty widower who mourns for his wife, Fanny. To keep himself busy, Weinberg enrolls in a creative writing course. His teacher (Karen Waddell), a younger woman, is impressed by his essay on Harvey Milk, a Jewish politician and homosexual from San Francisco who was gunned down in the prime of his life.

Kohn zigzags between their budding platonic friendship and Weinberg's sentimental visions of Fanny. Weinberg is seen walking with his teacher through Kensington Market and giving her his recipe for chicken soup as he cooks up a storm in his small kitchen.

The climax occurs when Weinberg's oldest friend, Marvin (Irv Hoffmann), a Holocaust survivor and fellow creative writing student, recalls a powerful incident he has suppressed all these years.

Kohn's film, though unremarkable, has a good eye for detail and characterization. Born in Israel and raised in Toronto, he is a graduate of York University, and winner of the 1990 CBC Telefest Awards.

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A fine, deeply-felt portrait of the late Montreal painter, Sam Borenstein, was screened on CBC TV late last year. *The Colors Of My Father* was directed by his daughter, Joyce.

Self-taught, Borenstein was a single-minded artist who, though not always appreciated by the critics, was supremely talented. His landscapes of Montreal and the Quebec countryside are bold and yet sensitive, bursting over with exuberant bright colors.

The film traces Borenstein's life from a shtetl in Lithuania, where he was born in 1908, to his adopted home in Montreal, where he died in 1969. Other than Borenstein, the most dominant personality in the film is his remarkable wife, Judith, who supported her husband in times of need and who never ceased to encourage him.

Portraying her father as a man who was positively possessed and driven by his craft, *The Colors Of My Father* is a loving, and deserved, tribute to an artist whose works now have a place of honor in museums and private collections across Canada.

CBC radio to celebrate Morawetz's 75th birthday

TORONTO —

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) will celebrate Canadian composer Oskar Morawetz's 75 birthday with a series of special radio programs of his memorial to Martin Luther King beginning on Jan. 17.

Oskar Morawetz

On Sunday, Jan. 12, from 9:05 p.m. to 11 p.m., Richard Paul will host a gentle roast, with people who have known Morawetz. Music by the Canadian composer will include the world premiere of his fifth string quartet, Tribute to W.A. Mozart, based on the Mozart Requiem. The piece was recorded by the now disbanded Orford String Quartet, during Toronto's 1991 Glory of Mozart festival.

On Friday, Jan. 17, Morawetz's actual birthday, Terry Campbell will present the full Glory of Mozart concert with the Orford String Quartet and violist Steven Dann. The Tribute to Mozart is complemented by two Mozart works — String Quartet in D, K 575 and String Quintet in C, K. 515. The program will start at 8 p.m. and run two hours.

On Jan. 27 Franz-Paul Decker will conduct the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Morawetz's Sinfonietta for Strings and on Jan. 28, Greg Tintnr leads Symphony Nova Scotia in Memorial to Martin Luther King, with new principal cellist Norman Adams as soloist. Both will appear on Mostly Music from 9:05 p.m. to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, from 11:05 a.m. to 1 p.m. on CBC Stereo and 8:05 p.m. on CBC Radio, host Judy Piercey will replay the concert heard Jan. 27 on Mostly Music.

Morawetz, born in Czechoslovakia on Jan. 17, 1917, moved to Canada after the Nazi occupation of his country in 1940. Since that time he has established himself as one of Canada's leading and most frequently performed composers. His orchestral compositions have been programmed in North and South America, Europe, Australia and Asia by over 120 orchestras.

Among his best known compositions are Piano Concerto, which was awarded first prize by conductor Zubin Mehta in a competition sponsored by the Montreal Symphony in 1962, and Memorial to Martin Luther King and from the Diary of Anne Frank.

Morawetz's style absorbs, in his own distinctly personal way, several trends of the 20th century, but he was never attracted to serial music or the latest avant-garde styles such as chance or electronic music.

In 1987 Morawetz was the first composer in Canada to receive the Order of Ontario honoring citizens "who have demonstrated excellence and achievement of the highest degree and distinction."

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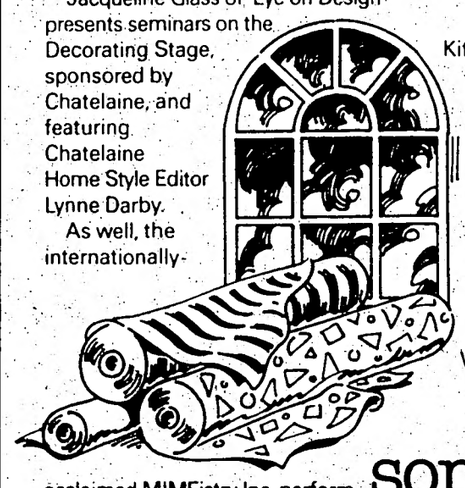

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Arts

JASS to aid growth of Jewish, Yiddish arts

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
It was reminiscent of the heady days of Yiddish culture on Second Avenue in New York when the Jewish Artists Scholarship Society (JASS) held its founding meeting amid the ambience of the Koffler Gallery recently.

JASS tapped a rich mine of talent: among others actor Al Waxman using a Yiddish expression he'd been saving up for years, Gloria Valentine singing *Romania, Romania* and Alan Merovitz singing *Mein Feter Elye*.

A capacity crowd of 150 gave JASS a rousing sendoff on its mission to perpetuate and nourish the Jewish and Yiddish performing arts and extended congratulations to founders Pearl Godfrey, Shelley Glass, Valentine and Merovitz.

Actor and comic Harvey Atkins said JASS is trying to reach people who don't understand Yiddish but who appreciate Jewish content, themes and *tam*.

Waxman said that as a boy he attended family gatherings of the Czomerer Friendly Society. "The perennial president, aside from his other merits, had a very deep voice and he would start off by intoning *Chusheveh Fazamulteh*, a Yiddish expression meaning "honored gathering."

When an episode of the TV show *Cagney and Lacey* being filmed in Hollywood was several minutes short, Waxman said he and Atkins improvised a debate in Yiddish. Waxman said his bubba (grandmother) claimed a challah with raisins was not a challah, while Atkins said his bubba argued that a challah without raisins was not a challah.

Zalmen Mlotek, of New York, creator of *Those were the Days*, brought a real touch of Second Avenue to the party, singing Yiddish songs from musicals on Broadway, including *I Bring You a Grus (regards) from the Trenches* and parodies of *Over There* and *She'll be Coming around the Mountain*. He came from New York at his own expense and donated his services to JASS.

Faye Kellerstein displayed considerable dramatic talents as well as a rich voice in *I Sing* made famous by Molly Picon and reminiscent of Benny Goodman's *And the Angels Sing*. Her accompanist was Daniel Friedman.

The kind of scat singing that was Danny Kaye's trademark is part of the repertoire of Honey Novick, who also gave an intriguing a cappella rendition of *Summertime*.

Providing a background of freilich music was the trio *Lake*, Anne Lederman, violin, Laura Cesar, bass and Keith Murphy, accordian, and strolling troubador Bluma Schonbrun.

Batsheva and accompanist Larry Lewis delighted with a Judeo-Espagnol lament, En La Mar about a woman whose lover is away at sea, the irreverent translation by Batsheva being, "Don't have anything to do with a guy who works out of town."

A daughter of concentration camp survivors, Lenka Lichtenberg, accompanying herself on the guitar, captivated all with a European Yiddish melody. John Henry Nyenhuis was the accompanist for Valentine's fiery rendition of that traditional classic *Romania, Romania*.

The executive committee of JASS is composed of Batsheva and Richard Bassett.

JASS has already started putting together a talent bank directory. Jazz nights may be held once a month. A major project will be a show with local performers directed by Zalman Mlotek next June.

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Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

God Was In The Place & I Did Not Know, by Lawrence Kushner ($21.95 U.S., Jewish Lights Publishing).

When troubled Jacob was fleeing from the wrath of his brother Esau he had a disturbing dream. His vision of angels ascending and descending a ladder, stretched between heaven and earth, as described in Genesis, is one of the most familiar episodes in the Torah.

When he awakes he speaks the words, "God was in this place, and I did not know it."

Around Jacob's dramatic experience, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, widely acclaimed as an astute student of the Jewish mystical tradition, has gathered an inspiring range of interpretations. He draws insights especially from the teachings of seven great Jewish "masters": from Samuel bar Nachmani of the late third century to Rashi of 11th century France, from Menachem Mendel of Kotzk of 19th-century Poland to his contemporary Hanna Rachel Webermacher, popularly known as the "Maid of Ludomir."

The lives and teachings of these spiritual guides are presented together with teachings from Rabbinic literature, Medieval commentary relatively modern Chassidic legends and anecdotes.

Writes Kushner, "we read the Bible, fix our attention on a phrase, and suddenly we find ourselves in a conversation with centuries of teachers who also have come hoping to penetrate the meaning of the same text convinced that holy words are intimately related not only to what God means but even to what God is and who we are."

Thus, from the multiple examination of a familiar Biblical text, the author manages to formulate basic and ultimate religious questions in the search for finding self, spirituality and ultimate meaning.

Some of the answers are couched in elusive and abstract terms. This is understandable for as a modern teacher suggests, "the quintessence of mysticism is the search of union with God." This is never an easy or simple task.

Kushner maintains that what happened to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden was prearranged. It was necessary that they commit evil so that there might be a separation from authority — even God's — in order for them to achieve maturity. Human beings at their highest must exhibit creative individuality.

Once, confides the author, he attended a ritual circumcision where the father was so busy with photographing the event for posterity that he managed to overlook the significance of the ritual itself. In a like manner, he insists, we are often so busy with watching, recording and analyzing our lives that we fail to live them.

This is a book that should be savored, read slowly and then reread. It gives us assurance that "God's Torah is creation's master genetic code, the infrastructure of being . . . the source of each person's self."

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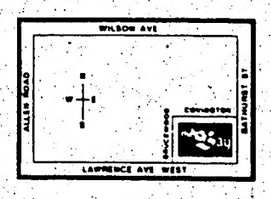

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Travel

The Coca Cola museum in Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta is the real thing

By
JACK KOHANE

ATLANTA —

This name conjures up images of antebellum Southern belles in high flowered bonnets and billowing hooped skirts. Most of us harken to Margaret Mitchell's classic *Gone With the Wind* and the sight of the city engulfed by flames.

Today, the South has indeed risen again, as prophesized. Modern Atlanta is now in the midst of an economic boom while the rest of the continent languishes in a deepening recession.

Construction is continuing apace with skyscrapers and large hotel complexes popping up everywhere along the city's skyline. The city is proud of its past and the unconquerable spirit of its people. It has again attained the stature of the South's commercial and tourist centre. It is also the site of the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Visitors are treated to southern hospitality at its most gracious. The people are friendly and loquacious. There are dining rooms to please any palate, from traditional Georgian fare to the decidedly exotic.

One of the newest and most popular tourist attractions is the World of Coca-Cola pavilion. Since its opening in August, 1990, many thousands of curiosity- and trivia-seekers have passed through its doors. The company's global headquarters are situated in another area of the city.

Here, the history of the special relationship between this soft drink and its consumers is chronicled. Coca-Cola was, in fact, introduced to the world in Atlanta in 1886.

This $15-million museum pays tribute to the Coke product line, housed in a 45,000-square-foot, three-storey edifice. A spectacular three-dimensional neon sign is suspended over the pavilion's entrance.

The museum provides a memorable experience for any visit to Atlanta. It constitutes a must-see for all who are intrigued by the inception and phenomenal growth of this immense corporation with bottling branch operations in nearly every country.

Inside, interactive displays and multimedia exhibits are divided into three quadrants.

The first contains a kinetic sculpture providing a peek into the bottling process. At this "bottling fantasy" is the largest collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia ever assembled. Here one views more than a century of commercial evolution, when Coca-Cola was first created, to the present.

In the second quadrant, visitors will find a replica of a 1930s soda fountain shop, where demonstrations of how soft drinks were prepared before the advent of modern equipment are continuously conducted.

The visitor is surrounded by jingles and original songs about Coca-Cola, as well as rebroadcasts of radio programs sponsored by the company from 1906 to the early 1950s.

In an adjacent theatre, Coke commercials spanning the last 40 years are presented. A film about the international character of Coca-Cola products highlights the third quadrant, made more dramatic by StereoSurround sound.

Of course, free samples of this famous concoction with a still-secret recipe are available. A gargantuan soda fountain jets the liquid over a twenty-foot space right into your cup.

Discounts are available for tour groups and tickets are always on sale at the door or can be purchased in advance. Reservations are advised to avoid the long line-ups. Museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

I was out driving around the other day and found myself on Bathurst Street, so I decided to stop in and see **Emile Aufgang,** master of **Aufgang Travel**.

It's always a pleasure to see **Emile**, not only because he's a nice guy, but a true gentleman and my motto has always been: "If you're going to shmooze, shmooze with a mensch."

As usual, the place was jumpin'. Phones ringing, the sound of both **English** and **Hebrew** filling the air. Tucked away in his office, the man himself was putting together the finishing touches on a group trip to **Argentina.**

None of this should have surprised me, of course, because the name **Aufgang** has been associated with travel since the early '30s when **Emile's** late father operated a travel agency in **Paris** specializing in chartering trains between that city and **Warsaw.**

The family came to **Canada** in 1944 and five years later opened an agency on **College Street.** Twenty-two years ago, the business moved to its present location at **3528 Bathurst St.** One of **Emile's** staff, **Frank Levy,** has been with the company for 33 years.

His staff of 12 is spread out over two floors-- retail and commercial divisions occupy the main floor while the group sales are handled upstairs. **Emile** says that although most people associate his agency with **Israel,** "It's only about one-third of our business, albeit a very important part. We literally send people everywhere in the world."

As for popular destinations, **Emile** says that this year, **Turkey** "seems to be a place attracting a lot of interest. The quincentennial celebrations marking the **Jew's** expulsion from **Spain** is the reason for this, but I feel the countries that received the **Jews** should be the ones honored and **Turkey** is one of them."

Emile said a lot of his clients were stopping in **Turkey** and that **El Al** has introduced a new airfrare that allows you to go from **Israel** to either **Istanbul, Athens** or **Cairo** for $299. They call it their **Mediterranean Circuit** and the only stipulation is that you have to fly transatlantic with **El Al.**

Another popular destination for '92 is **Eastern Europe,** with **Prague, Budapest** and **Warsaw** drawing the most attention. But, warns **Emile,** it is becoming very expensive. Good hotels in **Budapest** and **Prague** compare with top hotels in **London** and **Paris. Aufgang Travel** is doing a a tour with **Rabbi Erwin Schild** and his wife **Laura** called **Jewish Life of Eastern Europe** which runs from May 14 to May 28. I'll tell you all about it next issue. There's also an **Alpha Omega Study Mission to Israel** planned for April 27 to May 13, an **Adath Israel Singles Tour** from May 4 to May 18 and the **13th Annual Aufgang Travel Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Tour** set for July 5 to July 19. More on all of these in future columns.

Aufgang Travel's sales manager, **Avi Rodak,** says the travel market is much harder today because more players have made it more competitive. Price is also a factor. "People today, no matter what they buy, are looking around more, comparing prices. As for the fares, there are many fares that are the same or lower than they were several years ago, particularly to **Miami** and **London,** so we have to sell a lot more to make the same amount of money."

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By MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER

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As always, we suggest you review these ideas with a qualified adviser before making your decision.

Question: I received a letter from Otto Jelinek, the minister of National Revenue, a few weeks ago that advised me that I can contribute $6,573, for 1991. Last year I made an RRSP contribution of $7,300 plus $6,000 as a spousal contribution because of my pension. Why is it so much less? Has the special $6,000 been done away with?

Answer: The rules for RRSP contributions have been changed for the 1991 taxation year. The first change is that all 1990 taxpayers have now received a letter signed by Jelinek telling them how much they may contribute. The amount is computed by Revenue Canada Taxation and based on 18 percent of qualifying earned income for 1990.

Before making your 1991 contribution, you should check the figures to be sure they are correct. Be sure to deduct any RRSP contribution that you may have already made. Also consider any additional pension contributions or deferred profit sharing contributions.

There is less need to worry about an over-contribution now because the penalty on the first $8,000 of overpayment has been removed.

The special $6,000 spousal rollover from employment pension income is still available and will continue through 1994. This amount is in addition to the amount shown on Jelinek's letter.

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Resale improvements expected

TORONTO —

Only modest improvements are forecast for Toronto's resale housing market in 1992, according to Royal LePage.

"The slow economy has had a dampening effect on consumer confidence and Toronto's home resale market," says Bernie Vogt, senior vice-president for Royal LePage. "There are a lot of anxious sellers out there right now. Over 30,000 homes are currently listed in the Toronto area."

The anticipated economic recovery, low interest rates and more affordable prices should help entice buyers into the market in 1992. Potential buyers who have been adopting a wait-and-see attitude as house prices and rates drop are expected to reappear. Higher immigration will also put pressure on demand.

However, Vogt adds: "It will take months to work off the current inventory of homes for sale. I suspect there is also a latent inventory of additional listings from home owners who have been waiting on the sidelines for prices to firm."

As 1992 progresses, the resale housing market in Toronto should steadily improve. It is expected that close to 39,000 homes will trade hands in Toronto by year end, a five percent increase over 1991 activity.

The increased level of sales will likely bring the market more into balance and firm up prices. Royal LePage forecasts a modest increase at best for house prices in the Toronto area. By the end of 1992 the average resale price is expected to rise by two percent to $240,000.

Sales and prices are expected to improve nationally in 1992. It is anticipated that the total number of home resales across Canada will increase by five percent to 315,000 units from 300,100 in 1991. Average resale prices are forecast to rise to $154,500 in 1992, up three percent from $150,000 in 1991.

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WEST HARTFORD, Ct. —

In the first such action taken by a Reform Jewish Congregation in North America, West Hartford's Congregation Beth Israel has announced a divestment of its stock holdings in tobacco companies.

The move was initiated by the Temple's social action committee and approved by its board of trustees. Dr. Joel Deutsch and James Friedman, co-chairmen of the committee, cited statistics showing 390,000 smoke-related deaths in a single year in the United States, resulting from the use of tobacco products.

Stating that tobacco is our country's leading preventable cause of death and disease, and believing Congregation Beth Israel should invest its funds in a socially responsible manner, the board resolved not to purchase or own securities of any company that manufactures tobacco products, and to sell, as promptly as possible, any tobacco shares currently owned.

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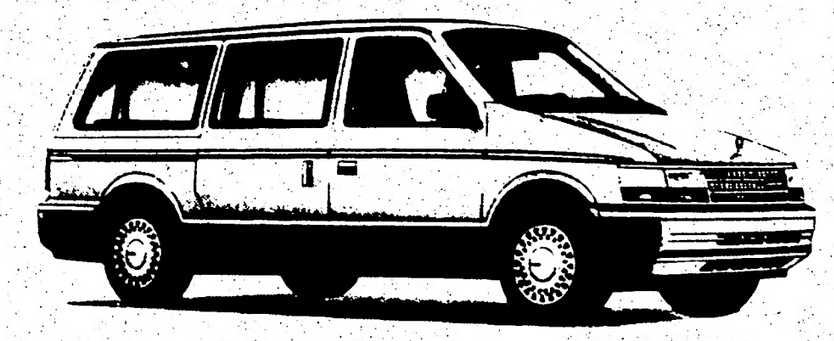
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EDMONTON —
Nate Siegel and Noach Zalmanowitz will be honorees of the Beth Israel Synagogue's 85th Anniversary Dinner April 12. Dinner chairman is Nate's son, local businessman Leo Siegel.

Considered cornerstones of the Jewish community, Siegel and Zalmanowitz have played an integral part in maintaining the "Yiddishkeit" of the Edmonton Jewish community, in both their business and daily lives, says Beth Israel Synagogue president Dr. Eric Schloss.

Along with their many other past and present contributions to the general Jewish community, Siegel and Zalmanowitz have dedicated themselves to the Beth Israel Synagogue where for many years they have served with distinction as Gabbaim, or Torah honor guards — Siegel acting as Gabbai Rishon, and Zalmanowitz, Gabbai Shaini.

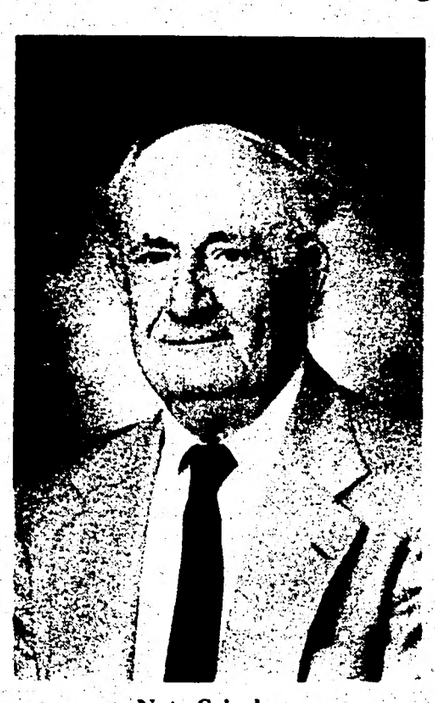
Siegel committed his life to the Edmonton Jewish community when he joined the Chevra Kadisha, the local Communal Burial Society, immediately upon his arrival in Edmonton, over 50 years ago. For the past 25 years he has given his love and devotion as president of that organization. In 1987, Seigal was selected by the Jewish National Fund to be its Negev Dinner honoree.

Zalmanowitz, a partner for 32 years in Edmonton's sole kosher meat market, Zal's, retired briefly in 1981. Five years later Siegel and Zalmanowitz, seeing the community was in dire need of a kosher meat supplier, joined forces along with Zalmanowitz's brother, Philip, and Siegel's wife Lillian, to once again serve their local community. Together they now operate Edmonton Kosher Meats.

While the Edmonton Jewish community can look forward to reading further about activities and plans for the festivities surrounding the weekend celebrations, it may be that there are people in other Canadian cities who would like to contribute memorabilia to this occasion, celebrating 85 years of historic Jewish settlement in Canada's north west.

Information, pictures or mementoes relating to the history of the synagogue, or names and addresses of former congregants now residing outside Edmonton, may be sent to: Beth Israel Synagogue, 85th Anniversary, 10205 - 119 St., Edmonton, Ab. T5K 1Z3.

Anniversary celebrations begin with Friday evening services at the Beth Israel, April 10, continuing through the weekend with Saturday morning services, an open house at the synagogue on Sunday during the day, and culminating in an exciting evening honoring Siegel and Zalmanowitz, Sunday evening, April 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall.



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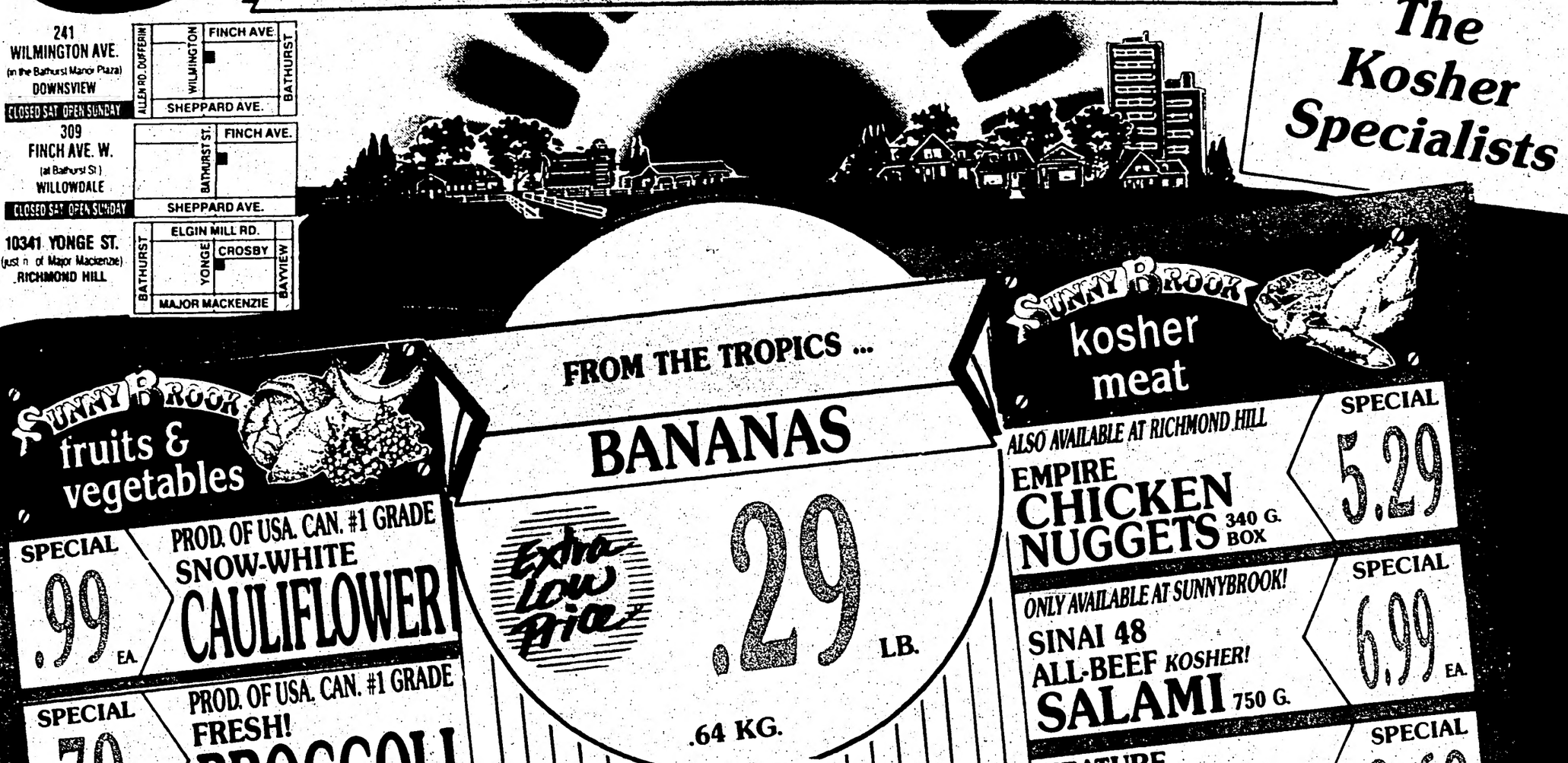

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